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ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1874.

Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.		SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.			PLANETS AND ASPECTS.	
New Moon.	Full Moon.	Ram.	Lion.	Bowman.	♄ Saturn.	♀ Venus.
First Quarter	Last Quarter	Bull.	Virgin.	Goat.	♃ Jupiter.	☿ Mercury.
		Twins.	Balance.	Waterman.	♂ Mars.	☽ Moon.
		Cancer.	Scorpion.	Fishes.	☉ Sun.	♅ Herschel.

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. | □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. | △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

The Latin Names of the Signs of the Zodiac are:
Aries (Ram), Taurus (Bull), Gemini (Twins), Cancer (Crab), Leo (Lion), Virgo (Virgin), Libra (Balance), Scorpio (Scorpion), Sagittarius (Bowman), Capricornus (Goat), Aquarius (Waterman), Pisces (Fishes).

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, D.—Golden Number or Lunar Cycle, 13.—Epact, 12.—Solar Cycle, 7.—Roman Indiction, 2.—Julian Period, 6587.

The Jewish Era commences with their year 5635, September 12th, 1874.
The Mohamedan Era commences with their year 1291, February 18th, 1874.

MOVEABLE FEASTS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 1.	Palm Sunday, March 29.	Trinity Sunday, May 31.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 15.	Easter Sunday, April 5.	Corpus Christi, June 4.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17.	Ascension Day, May 14.	First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29.
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18.	Whit Sunday, May 24.	Sundays after Trinity are 25.

EMBER DAYS.

February 25. May 27. September 16. December 16.

CARDINAL POINTS.

		SOLAR TIME.	
Vernal Equinox,	the 20th of March, at	2 o'clock, 26 min.	Afternoon.
Summer Solstice,	" 21st " June, "	10 " 45 "	Forenoon.
Autumnal Equinox,	23d " Sept., "	12 " 10 "	Morning.
Winter Solstice,	21st " Dec., "	6 " 55 "	Evening.

(♄) Saturn is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1874.

There will be four Eclipses, two of the Sun, and two of the Moon.

The first is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, April 16th, 8 o'clock, 18 min. in the morning, here invisible; visible in the southern part of South America, South Sea, and southern part of Africa.

The second is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, May 1st, 11 o'clock, 6 min. in the forenoon; therefore invisible here.

The third is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, October 10th, 6 o'clock, 10 min. in the morning. Here invisible; visible in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

The fourth is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, October 25th, 2 o'clock, 29 min. in the morning. Visible as follows:—

Eclipse begins,	12 o'clock,	42 min.	Morning.
Beginning of Total Phase,	2 "	2 "	Morning.
Middle of Eclipse,	2 "	17 "	Morning.
End of Total Phase,	2 "	33 "	Morning.
Eclipse ends,	3 "	51 "	Morning.

Duration of Total Eclipse, 33 min. Duration of the Whole Eclipse, 3 hours and 9 min.

There will also be a Transit of Venus, December 8th, 11 o'clock, 12 min. in the evening. Invisible in the United States; visible on the opposite side of the earth—will be visible in Australia.

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JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1874.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Thursday	1 *New Year.*	1 Pet. 2: 12–19	6 0	♊ 24	☉ in Pedigree ☋	4 7	23 4	37 20	
Friday	2 Martyrs H Scrip	Phil. 2: 1–11	☽ rises.	♋ 6	2d. ♀ rises 6 22 ♌	4 7	23 4	37 21	
Saturday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12–19	5 2	♋ 18	☍ sets 8 22	5 7	23 4	37 22	

1] *Sunday after New Year,* Luke 2: 33–40; Rom. 6: 12–18. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 16 *min.*

Sunday	4 Titus	John 1: 29–34	5 58	♋ 0	♀ in ♉. ♄ sets 6 40	5 7	22 4	38 23	
Monday	5 Simeon	" 1: 38–51	6 49	♋ 12	♃ rises 10 30	6 7	22 4	38 24	
Tuesday	6 *Epiphany*	" 2:	7 46	♋ 23	Neptune stationary	6 7	21 4	39 25	
Wednesday	7 Widukind	" 3:	8 56	♌ 5	7* south 8 30	7 7	21 4	39 26	
Thursday	8 Severinus	" 4:	9 59	♌ 17	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♃	7 7	20 4	40 27	
Friday	9 Catharine Zell	" 5:	10 58	♌ 29	Rigel south 9 46	7 7	20 4	40 28	
Saturday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 6: 1–25	11 57	♍ 12	10th. ♀ rises 6 31	8 7	19 4	41 29	

2] 1*st Sunday after Epiphany,* Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 22 *min.*

Sunday	11 Fructuosus	John 6: 26–71	morn.	♌ 24	☍ sets 8 16	8 7	19 4	41 30	
Monday	12 Jean Chastellain	" 7:	12 56	♍ 7	♉. Orion south 10 13	9 7	18 4	42 31	
Tuesday	13 Hilary	" 8: 1–20	2 0	♍ 20	♃ rises 9 59	9 7	17 4	43 J	
Wednesday	14 Felix	" 8: 21–50	3 14	♎ 4	☿ in Aphelion	9 7	17 4	43 2	
Thursday	15 John de Laski	" 9:	4 30	♎ 20	□ Neptune ☉	10 7	16 4	44 3	
Friday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 10: 1–21	5 43	♏ 3	♃ stationary ☋	10 7	15 4	45 4	
Saturday	17 Anthony	" 10: 22–42	6 51	♏ 18	☽ ♂ ☿. ♀. ♀ rises 6 56	10 7	14 4	46 5	

3] 2*d Sunday after Epiphany,* John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 34 *min.*

Sunday	18 John Blackader	Mark 1: 1–20	☽ sets.	♏ 3	18th. ♂ ☽ ♄	11 7	13 4	47 6	
Monday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 1: 21–45	6 24	♏ 19	♃ rises 9 38	11 7	12 4	48 7	
Tuesday	20 Fabian	" 2:	7 46	♐ 3	☽ in per. ☉ enters ♒	11 7	11 4	49 8	
Wednesday	21 Agnes	" 3: 1–19	8 59	♐ 19	♂ ☽ ☍. ☍ sets 8 10	12 7	10 4	50 9	
Thursday	22 Vincent	" 3: 20–35	10 20	♑ 3	♂ ☿ ♀. Sirius so. 10 24	12 7	9 4	51 10	
Friday	23 Isaiah	" 4:	11 31	♑ 18	Orion south 9 24	12 7	8 4	52 11	
Saturday	24 Timothy	" 5: 6: 1–6	morn.	♒ 1	24th. ♌	12 7	8 4	52 12	

4] 3*d Sunday after Epiphany,* Matthew 8: 1–13; Rom. 12: 17–21. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	25 *Paul's Convers.*	Mark 6: 7–29	12 35	♒ 14	♂ ♄ ☉. ♃ rises 9 18	13 7	7 4	53 13	
Monday	26 Polycarp	" 6: 30–56	1 41	♒ 26	Spica rises 11 16	13 7	6 4	54 14	
Tuesday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 7: 1–23	2 44	♓ 9	7* south 7 2	13 7	5 4	55 15	
Wednesday	28 Charlemagne	" 7: 24–37	3 48	♓ 20	♀ H ☉. ♂ ☿ ♄	13 7	4 4	56 16	
Thursday	29 Juventin	" 8:	4 46	♈ 2	Rigel south 8 20 ♌	13 7	3 4	57 17	
Friday	30 Henry Müller	" 9:	5 38	♈ 15	☍ sets 8	14 7	2 4	58 18	
Saturday	31 Hans Sachs	" 10: 1–31	6 34	♈ 27	♂ ♀ ♄. Arctur ris. 10 0	14 7	1 4	59 19	

(♄) Saturn is, on the 25th, in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	2d day,	2 o'clock,	2 min.	Afternoon.
Last Quarter,	10th "	2 "	54 "	Afternoon.
New Moon,	18th "	3 "	0 "	Morning.
First Quarter,	24th "	7 "	41 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, changeable; 2, 3, snow; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, 9, mild; 10, 11, cloudy, with snow; 12, 13, 14, N. W. cold; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, rain and snow; 20, 21, clear, cold; 22, snow; 23, 24, 25, N. W. cold; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, rain and snow; 30, 31, cold.

NEW YEAR.

Shooting, drumming, fantastical processions, and the like, are very much out of place. Gladness is right, and cheerfulness; but not such absurdities.

WHY GO SO FAR FROM HOME?

"Why shall we send missionaries, money, and Bibles to the heathen across the ocean, when we have millions in our own land who are not Christians?"

So some ask, and the question puzzles many. We answer it thus:

1. What right have we to keep the Gospel from Asia, Africa, Japan, &c., until all in America are converted? Never will this be. To the end of the world there will be among us many wicked and unbelieving men.

2. The Apostles did not wait until all in Jerusalem and Palestine had become Christians, before they carried the Gospel into Asia Minor.

No. The idea of Missions, from the time of our Lord until now, has been this: Plant the Church here and there, in central places, as a leavening power. Only thus can the whole world be made to hear the Gospel.

To wait until every one had become a Christian, would be to kill all Mission work. If our European fathers had acted on this principle, where would we now be?

OUR BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It was elected by the General Synod at Cincinnati, in December, 1872, and met in Harrisburg, Pa., in April, 1873. It organized by electing Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., Vice President; and Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Secretary.

After adopting a Constitution, and making provision for incorporation, it passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, Japan presents the most promising field for missionary effort on our part, and we, therefore, instruct the Executive Committee to obtain the information necessary to enable us to make an intelligent selection of a base of operations.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee take immediate steps to secure suitable persons to engage in the missionary work.

In another part of the Almanac will be found some important facts in regard to Japan.

Now that we have again taken up a work so long neglected by us, let our congregations and Sunday-Schools take a deep interest in it. May God direct and bless our work!

DAILY DUTY.

"Each day its duty brings. The undone task
Of yesterday cannot be now fulfilled
Without some current work's displacement. 'Time
And tide will wait for none.' Then let us act
So that they need not wait, and keep abreast
With them by the discharge of each day's claim;
For each new dawn, like a prolific tree,
Blossoms with blessings and with duties, which
So interwoven grow that he who shirks
The latter fails the first. Ye cannot pick
The dainty, and refuse the task. To win
The smile of Him who did his Father's will
In the great work assigned Him, while 'twas day,
With love self-sacrificing, His high course
We must with prayerful footsteps imitate;
And, knowing not what one day may bring forth,
Live so that Death, come when he may, shall find
Us not defaulters in arrears with Time—
Mourning, like Titus, 'I have lost a day!'—
But busily engaged on something which
Shall cast a blessing on the world; rebound
With one to our own breast, and tend to give
To man some benefit, to God some praise."

Do you like our title-page? It gives food for study. Above is the Bible, and the Lamb of God; below, the anchor of hope, and the dove as the emblem of the Spirit; between, the baptismal font and the communion service.

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1874.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
5] *Septuagesima Sunday,* Matth. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–27; 10: 1–5. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 2 *min.*									
Sunday 1	Ignatius	Luke 3:	☽ rises.	♐ 9	1st. Sirius so. 9 38	14	6	59	5 1 20
Monday 2	*Candle Mass*	" 4:	5 46	♑ 21	♃ rises 8 50 [♒	14	6	58	5 2 21
Tuesday 3	Ansgar	" 5:	6 40	♒ 3	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	14	6	57	5 3 22
Wednesday 4	Rhaban. Maurus	" 6: 1–19	7 38	♒ 15	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	14	6	56	5 4 23
Thursday 5	P. S. Spener	" 6: 20–49	8 38	♒ 27	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♃	14	6	55	5 5 24
Friday 6	Amandus	" 7:	9 39	♓ 9	♐ sets 7 48	14	6	54	5 6 25
Saturday 7	George Wagner	" 8:	10 41	♓ 21	♀ in Aphelion	14	6	53	5 7 26
6] *Sexagesima Sunday,* Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 11–12: 9. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 16 *min.*									
Sunday 8	Maria Andreæ	Luke 9; 1–36	11 47	♓ 3	♃ rises 8 31	14	6	52	5 8 27
Monday 9	John Hooper	" 9: 37–62	morn.	♈ 16	9th. ♉	15	6	51	5 9 28
Tuesday 10	F. C. Oetinger	" 10:	12 54	♈ 29	Spica rises 10 16	15	6	50	5 10 29
Wednesday 11	H. de St. Victor	" 11: 1–36	2 6	♉ 13	Orion south 8 6	15	6	48	5 12 30
Thursday 12	Lady Jane Grey	" 11: 37–12: 1–12	3 18	♉ 27	Arctur rises 9 14 ♋	15	6	47	5 13 31
Friday 13	C. F. Schwartz	" 12: 13–59	4 29	♊ 12	Rigel south 7 22	15	6	46	5 14 F
Saturday 14	Brun of Querfurt	" 13: 1–21	5 28	♊ 27	♐ sets 7 38	14	6	45	5 15 2
7] *Quinquagesima Sunday,* Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–13. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 34 *min.*									
Sunday 15	Jacob von Loh	Luke 13: 22–35	6 18	♊ 12	♂ ☽ ♄. ♃ rises 8 0	14	6	43	5 17 3
Monday 16	Matth. Desübas	" 14:	☽ sets.	♊ 27	16th. ♂ ☽ ♀	14	6	42	5 18 4
Tuesday 17	*Shrove Tuesday*	" 15:	6 38	♋ 12	☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ☿	14	6	41	5 19 5
Wednesday 18	*Ash Wednesday*	" 16:	7 36	♋ 27	Sirius south 8 31	14	6	40	5 20 6
Thursday 19	Mesrob	" 17: 1–19	8 49	♌ 12	♂ ☽ ♐. ☉ enters ♓	14	6	38	5 22 7
Friday 20	Sadoth	" 17: 20–37	10 10	♌ 26	♐ sets 7 31	14	6	37	5 23 8
Saturday 21	Mainrad	" 18: 1–30	11 27	♍ 9	♎. 7* sets 12 50	14	6	36	5 24 9
8] 1*st Sunday in Lent,* Matthew 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 50 *min.*									
Sunday 22	*Washington B.*	Luke 18: 31–19; 1–28	morn.	♍ 22	♃ rises 7 32 [rior.	14	6	35	5 25 10
Monday 23	B. Ziegenbalg	" 19: 29–20; 1–18	12 34	♎ 5	23d. ♂ ♀ ☉ Supe-	14	6	33	5 27 11
Tuesday 24	Matthias	" 20: 19–21; 1–4	1 38	♎ 18	Orion south 7 20	13	6	32	5 28 12
Wednesday 25	*Emberday*	" 21: 5–35	2 39	♏ 0	Regulus south 11 14 ♌	13	6	31	5 29 13
Thursday 26	Berthold Haller	" 22: 1–30	3 25	♏ 12	Spica rises 9 11	13	6	29	5 31 14
Friday 27	Martin Bucer	" 22: 31–71	4 26	♏ 24	☿ in Perihelion	13	6	28	5 32 15
Saturday 28	Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 23:	5 7	♐ 6	Sirius south 7 55	13	6	27	5 33 16

(♀) Venus is Morning Star till the 23d of February, 8 o'clock, 21 min. in the Morning; then Evening Star till the 9th of December, 12 o'clock. 42 min. in the Morning; then again Morning Star to the end of the year

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	1st	day,	6	o'clock,	34	min. Morning.
Last Quarter,	9th	"	11	"	27	" Forenoon.
New Moon,	16th	"	2	"	13	" Afternoon.
First Quarter,	23d	"	5	"	44	" Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, coldest days; 4, 5, snow; 6, 7, 8, 9, N. W. cold; 10, 11, 12, moderate; 13, cloudy; 14, 15, 16, rain and snow; 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, 27, rain; 28, cold.

REFORMED ALMANACS.

1. The only Almanac of our Church, for a number of years, was the German, published at Cleveland, Ohio. 2. In 1864 the Eastern Board of Publication published the first one of this English series. 3. In 1872 the same Board published a German Almanac. 4. In 1873 the Western Board of Publication published their first English one.

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In this way a vast amount of information in regard to the work and condition of the Church may be spread before the people. The Almanac may be studied with great profit.

WEARING MOURNING.

This custom, almost sacred from long use, is deeply-rooted in the life of our people. It may sound harsh to call it a foolish custom, but consider these three things:—

1. Why do only *females* wear black? Do others not mourn? Or, if a little crape on the man's hat is enough, why is not a little crape on the woman's bonnet a proper token of respect?

2. Why is black worn for just twelve months? Does sorrow then cease? Does it always last even so long?

3. See how the poor often wrong both themselves and others by casting aside former clothing, and trying to show respect for their dead by wearing black, lest they may be thought heartless!

A little reflection on the subject will at least do no harm.

GIVE THEM RIGHT NAMES.

At baptism, the minister says, "Name the child." On no account allow yourself to say Frank, Kate, Sallie, Harry, &c. These shortened forms may do for daily use; but let the baptismal name of the child be full, correct, and proper. "Oh," you say, "Catharine, Henry, &c., sounds so old and odd for a child." But your child will not always be a child; and you are naming him not for childhood but for his whole life.

OUT OF THE OLD RUTS.

Some are afraid of any change. They want to keep in the old ruts; but these often get too deep, and make the way very rough. Better turn out a little. *Keep in the old road,* but you may have several tracks in it.

THE LORD'S BUSINESS.

The business of the congregation is often very badly managed. Much is left quite undone. Much is carelessly done. Much is over-done. Officers should recollect that they are under oath for the faithful discharge of their duties; but, besides this, gratitude to God, and holy zeal for His cause should make them faithful. Let the Lord's business be done just as man's business is done, namely, on correct business principles, promptly, and carefully.

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MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1874.

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9] *2d Sunday in Lent,*		Matthew 15: 21–28; 1 Thess. 4: 1–8.				*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 10 *min.*				
Sunday	1 Suidbert	Mark 10: 32–52	5 41	♑	17	♁ sets 7 18 ♋	13 6	25 5	35 17	
Monday	2 John Wesley	" 11:	6 10	♑	29	☽ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	12 6	24 5	36 18	
Tuesday	3 Balthilde	" 12:	☽ rises	♒	11	☽ 3d. ☿ sets 6 20	12 6	23 5	37 19	
Wednesday	4 George Wishart	" 13:	6 40	♒	23	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 6 51	12 6	21 5	39 20	
Thursday	5 Thomas Aquinas	" 14: 1–54	7 38	♓	6	☽ in apo.	12 6	20 5	40 21	
Friday	6 Fridolin	" 14: 55–15; 1–15	8 40	♓	18	Sirius south 7 30	12 6	19 5	41 22	
Saturday	7 Perpetua	" 15: 16–47	9 42	♈	0	7* sets 11 58	11 6	17 5	43 23	
10] *3d Sunday in Lent,*		Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9.				*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 28 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Zach. Ursinus	Matth. 20: 17–33	10 49	♈	13	♉ ☿ stationary	11 6	16 5	44 24	
Monday	9 Cyrillus	" 21:	11 57	♈	26	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	11 6	15 5	45 25	
Tuesday	10 40 Marts. at Sebaste	" 22:	morn.	♉	9	☾ ♁ sets 7 10	11 6	13 5	47 26	
Wednesday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 23:	1 6	♉	23	11th. ♃ rises 6 23	10 6	12 5	48 27	
Thursday	12 Greg. the Great	" 24: 1–31	2 16	♊	7	Orion south 6 17 ♋	10 6	11 5	49 28	
Friday	13 Rudericus	" 24: 32–51	3 10	♊	21	Arctur rises 7 26	10 6	10 5	50 M	
Saturday	14 Matilda	" 25:	3 50	♋	6	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 4 0	9 6	8 5	52 2	
11] *4th Sunday in Lent,*		John 6: 1–15; Gal. 4: 21–31.				*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 46 *min.*				
Sunday	15 Thos. Cranmer	Matth. 26: 1–13	4 30	♋	21	♂ ☿ ♀. Regulus south	9 6	7 5	53 3	
Monday	16 Heribert	" 26: 14–35	5 11	♌	6	♃ south 12 1 [10 18	9 6	6 5	54 4	
Tuesday	17 St. Patrick	" 26: 36–56	5 41	♌	21	☾ ☌ ♃ ☉. ♂ ☽ ☿	9 6	4 5	56 5	
Wednesday	18 Alexander	" 26: 57; 27: 1–2	☽ sets.	♌	5	18th. ☽ in per. ♂	8 6	3 5	57 6	
Thursday	19 Mary & Martha	" 27: 3–31	6 54	♍	20	Spica rises 8 0 [☽ ♀	8 6	2 5	58 7	
Friday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 27: 32 50	7 32	♎	4	♂ ☽ ♁. ☉ enters ♈ Day & Night equal.	8 6	0 6	0 8	
Saturday	21 Benedict	" 27: 51: 56	8 26	♎	17	♋. Spring commences	7 5	59 6	1 9	
12] *5th Sunday in Lent,*		John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15.				*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 4 *min.*				
Sunday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	John 11:	9 12	♏	1	♁ sets 6 56	7 5	58 6	2 10	
Monday	23 Wolfgang	" 12:	10 24	♏	13	♄ rises 3 28	7 5	56 6	3 11	
Tuesday	24 Florentius	" 13: 1–30	11 36	♏	25	24th. ☿ sets 6 36 ♋	6 5	55 6	5 12	
Wednesday	25 Ann. V. Mary	" 13: 31–14:	morn.	♐	8	♃ south 11 29	6 5	54 6	6 13	
Thursday	26 Lindger	" 15:	12 22	♐	20	Sirius sets 11 16	6 5	52 6	8 14	
Friday	27 Rupertus	" 16:	1 36	♑	2	7* sets 10 51	6 5	51 6	9 15	
Saturday	28 John von Goch	" 17:	2 42	♑	14	Pollux south 7 10	5 5	50 6	10 16	
13] *Palm Sunday,*		John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–11.				*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 24 *min.*				
Sunday	29 Eustatius	Lam. Jeremiah	3 36	♑	26	Rigel sets 11 6	5 5	48 6	12 17	
Monday	30 John Heermann	Heb. 8:	4 29	♒	8	♄ rises 3 8	5 5	47 6	13 18	
Tuesday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 9:	5 28	♒	20	♂ ☽ ♃. ☿ Stationary	4 5	46 6	14 19	

(♃) Jupiter is the 17th in opposition with the Sun, nearest to the earth, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	3d	day, 12	o'clock,	20	min. Morning.
Last Quarter,	11th	" 4	"	32	" Morning.
New Moon,	18th	" 12	"	1	" Morning.
First Quarter,	24th	" 5	"	30	" Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, 6, rain and snow; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, windy, cold; 11, 12, mild; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, stormy, rainy; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, rain; 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, pleasant weather.

DR. F. A. RAUCH, FIRST PRESIDENT OF MARSHALL COLLEGE,
Born July 27th, 1806.—Died March 2d, 1841, Aged 34 yrs., 7 mos., and 6 days.

OUR GROWTH.

The following extract from the Report on the State of the Church, adopted by the General Synod at Cincinnati, shows the growth of our Church for three years, from Nov., 1869, to Nov., 1872:

"The number of ministers has grown from 526 to 586, a net increase of 60; the congregations from 1179 to 1312, an increase of 133; the membership from 117,910 to 130,299, an increase of 12,389; the additions by certificate and confirmation from 28,962 to 32,809, an increase of 3,847; and the contributions from $228,817.94, the sum total for the three years ending with November, 1869, to $247,386.12, the sum total for the three years which have just ended, the increase being $18,568.18."

WHILE pastors are looking after the lost sheep outside of the Church, let them not neglect the lost who are within!

CHURCH STATISTICS.

The census of 1870 gives us 38,000,000 of a population; 63,000 churches, accommodating about 21,000,000; all church property valued at $360,000,000. (Besides this, there are in the Territories and the District of Columbia 560 churches, accommodating 269,500, and church property valued at about $5,000,000.)

The following table is valuable, showing the increase of church buildings in the different denominations, from 1850–60–70:

	Churches.		
Denomination.	1870.	1860.	1850.
Methodist	21,347	19,883	13,302
Baptist	13,962	12,150	9,563
Presbyterian	7,071	6,406	4,858
Catholic	3,806	2,550	1,222
Christian	2,822	2,068	875
Lutheran	2,776	2,128	1,231
Congregational	2,715	2,234	2,725
Episcopal	2,601	2,145	1,459
German Reformed	1,145	676	341
Friends	662	726	726
Universalist	602	664	530
Unitarian	310	264	245
Mormon	171	24	16
Jewish	152	77	36

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

The Reformed Church in the United States has, under the General Synod (1873), 5 District Synods, 35 Classes, 595 ministers, 1331 congregations, 132,195 confirmed members, 76,133 unconfirmed members, 1,044 Sunday Schools, and 64,588 S. S. scholars. The amount contributed for strictly benevolent purposes was: in 1870, $94,019.90; in 1871, $66,715.02; in 1872, $86,651.58. Total in three years, $247,386.50. In 1873, $91,427.19.

THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AUSTRIA.

It numbers 4,000,000 members. For many years these people were oppressed and hindered by laws and regulations, which altogether favored the Roman Catholic Church; but now these Reformed people are fully free, and our Church there will prosper.

TRIBUTES OF RESPECT.

What wonderful specimens of theological judgment you find in many of these documents! They set the man right into the kingdom above, although he perhaps mocked at the kingdom below!

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	Orator
Wednesday	1 Fritigild	Heb. 10:	☽ rises.	♑ 2	1st. ☽ in apo. ♋	4 5	4 46	6 16	20
Thursday	2 Maunday Thurs.	John 6.	6 40	♑ 14	☿ in ♉.	4 5	4 38	6 17	21
Friday	3 *Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32–49	7 36	♑ 27	♀ sets 6 59	3 5	4 26	6 18	22
Saturday	4 Ambrose	Heb. 4:	8 40	♒ 10	♉. ♄ rises 2 40	3 5	4 16	6 19	23
14] *Easter Sunday,*		John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 42 *min.*				
Sunday	5 *Easter Sunday*	John 20: 1–18	9 38	♒ 23	♃ south 10 45	3 5	3 56	6 21	24
Monday	6 *Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1–12	10 28	♓ 6	Sirius sets 10 38	2 5	3 38	6 22	25
Tuesday	7 Olaus Peterson	Acts 2: 22–47	11 24	♓ 20	Orion sets 12 2	2 5	3 17	6 23	26
Wednesday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	1 Cor. 15:	morn.	♈ 3	Antares rises 10 48 ♐	2 5	3 5	6 25	27
Thursday	9 Thos. v. Westen	Romans 6:	12 20	♈ 17	9 h. ♀ sets 7 12	2 5	2 44	6 26	28
Friday	10 Fulbert	" 8:	1 22	♈ 1	Regulus south 8 44	1 5	2 33	6 27	29
Saturday	11 Leo the Great	1 Cor. 3	2 12	♈ 16	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 2 22	1 5	2 32	6 28	30
15] *1st Sunday after Easter,*		John 20: 19–31; 1 John. 5: 4–10.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 58 *min.*				
Sunday	12 Sabas	John 1:	2 58	♈ 1	☿ in Aphelion	1 5	2 31	6 29	31
Monday	13 Justin Martyr	" 2:	3 40	♈ 16	H. stationary	1 5	2 9	6 31	A
Tuesday	14 John Eccart	" 3:	4 22	♉ 0	♂ ☽ ☿. ♃ south 10 9	0 5	2 8	6 32	2
Wednesday	15 Simon Dach	" 4:	5 2	♉ 14	☽ in per. ☿ gr. Elon. west	sun 5	2 7	6 33	3
Thursday	16 Peter Waldo	" 5:	☽ sets.	♉ 28	16. ☊. ☿ rises 4 40	s'rise 5	2 5	6 35	4
Friday	17 Mappalicus	" 6: 1–40	8 10	♊ 12	☽ ♂ ♀. ♄.	0 5	2 4	6 36	5
Saturday	18 Luther at Worms	" 6: 41–71	9 18	♊ 25	♂ Neptune ☉	1 5	2 3	6 37	6
16] *2d Sunday after Easter,*		John 10: 12–16; 1 Peter 2: 21–25.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 16 *min.*				
Sunday	19 Melanchthon	John 7:	10 24	♋ 8	♀ sets 7 48	1 5	2 2	6 38	7
Monday	20 John Bugenhag	" 8: 1–30	11 30	♋ 21	☉ enters ♉	1 5	2 0	6 40	8
Tuesday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 8: 31–59	morn.	♌ 4	♄ rises 1 50 ♍	1 5	1 59	6 41	9
Wednesday	22 Origen	" 9:	12 22	♌ 16	♃ south 9 39	2 5	1 58	6 42	10
Thursday	23 Adalbert	" 10:	1 12	♌ 28	23. Rigel sets 9 33	2 5	1 57	6 43	11
Friday	24 Wilfrid	" 11:	1 54	♍ 10	Spica south 11 10	2 5	1 56	6 44	12
Saturday	25 Mark, Evang.	" 12:	2 26	♍ 22	Orion sets 10 1	2 5	1 55	6 45	13
17] *3d Sunday after Easter,*		John 16: 16–23; 1 Peter 2: 11–20.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 32 *min.*				
Sunday	26 Trudpert	John 13: 14:	2 54	♎ 4	□ H ☉. ♀ sets 8 0	2 5	1 46	6 46	14
Monday	27 Otto Catelin	" 15:	3 16	♎ 16	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 9 14	2 5	1 25	6 48	15
Tuesday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 16: 17:	3 42	♎ 28	☽ in apo. ♄ rises 1 20	3 5	1 17	6 49	16
Wednesday	29 L. von Berquin	" 18:	4 4	♏ 10	Sirius sets 9 16	3 5	1 6	6 50	17
Thursday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 19:	4 28	♏ 23	♉. Spica south 10 49	3 5	0 56	6 51	18

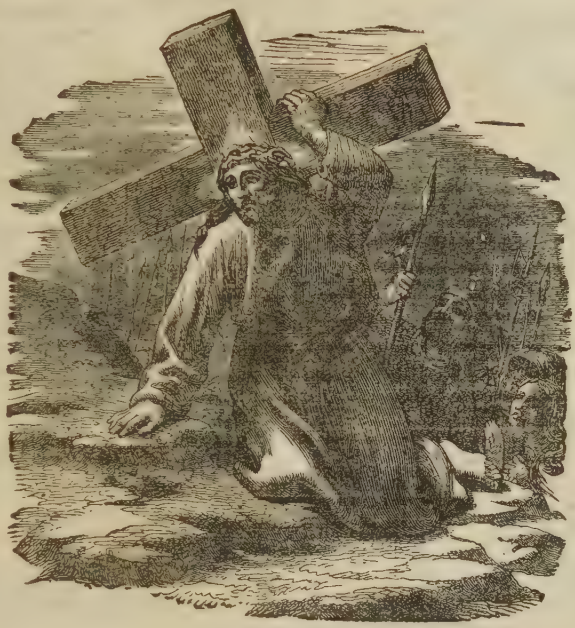
MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	1st	day,	6	o'clock,	18 min. Evening.
Last Quarter,	9th	"	5	"	19 " Evening.
New Moon,	16th	"	8	"	51 " Morning.
First Quarter,	23d	"	7	"	2 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, variable; 2, 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, N. W. wind; 8, 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, pleasant; 14, 15, 16, thunder showers; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, warm; 29, 30, thunder showers.

WHAT SPOILS THE CALCULATIONS?



In the Eastern and Potomac Synods, there are about 80,000 members, under about 280 pastors. When money is to be raised, say $20,000, the calculation is made thus: "If each member gives only twenty-five cents, and each can do that, the amount will come in." Then a circular is sent to each pastor, stating the object and amount, and asking him to give his people an opportunity to give. But if 200 of these 280 pastors throw the circular into the waste-basket, will the money be raised?

Of course, the calculation fails, and many good people are discouraged. Was the calculation bad or unfair? What, then, spoiled it?

Is it not really an easy matter for a church of 80,000 members to raise in one year $80,000 for a special object, say the College or Seminary of the Church? The failure lies not in the calculation, but in its application. Hundreds of pastors *never try* to do their part; while an equal number only half try. (See, for example, the "Dollar Endowment Scheme" for Franklin and Marshall College, which yielded less than $20,000, instead of $100,000!)

The only fair and successful way to get money for church work is *to reach every member*. The small amounts of the poor will show well beside the large gifts of the rich. It is a matter of plain history and figures, that nearly all the benevolent institutions of the country are mainly supported by the poor. No class of people give more cheerfully, and we sin by passing them by.

What, then, spoils a good calculation? Neglecting it.

Are not some Christians *walking* the Christian race?

MAKING EXCUSES.

Many people neglect their duties, and then give this and that excuse—roads, weather, health, loss of sleep, distance,—any but the right and true one! Thus *they are lying to the Holy Ghost.* If you doubt it, read Acts 5: 1–11. What a fearful sin! How shameful for a Christian to keep back the real reason, and give a lie! How much better to confess a sin than to excuse or justify it!

A NEW HYMN BOOK.

We need one, badly; but it will not be easy for our old and middle-aged people to give up the old one that has been in use for forty years.

Much in the old one should be left out, and much that is out should be in it. Accordingly, the late General Synod at Cincinnati appointed a Committee (Revs. Dr. E. E. Higbee, D. Van Horne, Dr. James Bossard, Dr. Geo. B. Russell, Dr. Benj. Bausman, and Elders L. H. Steiner, M. D., and Benj. Kuhns) to engage in the work of preparing a new Hymn Book, and to report to the General Synod in 1875.

HEAVY FIGURES.

From May, 1872, to May, 1873, the Presbyterian Church raised $1,350,000 for church work, and proposes to raise even more during the next year, to be appropriated as follows:

Foreign Missions	$600,000
Home "	352,500
Sustentation	82,500
Education	105,000
Church Erection	120,000
Freedmen	75,000
Publication	75,000
Ministerial Relief	90,000
	$1,500,000

MAY, *5th Month, 31 Days.* 1874.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Friday	1	Philip James	John 20:	☽ rises.	♉ 6	1st. ☿ sets 8 10 ♏	3 5	7 6	53	19
Saturday	2	Athanasius	" 21:	7 59	♉ 19	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 5	6 6	54	20
18] *4th Sunday after Easter,*			John 16: 5–15; James 1: 6–21.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	3	Monica	Heb. 1: 2:	8 46	♋ 3	♂ ☿ ♁. ♃ South 8 50	3 5	5 6	55	21
Monday	4	Florian	" 3: 4:	9 32	♋ 16	□ ♄ ☉	3 5	4 6	56	22
Tuesday	5	Fred. the Wise	" 5: 6:	10 28	♋ 29	Sirius sets 8 53 ♋	3 5	3 6	57	23
Wednesday	6	John of Damasc.	" 7:	11 20	♌ 14	Orion sets 9 18	4 5	2 6	58	24
Thursday	7	Otto the Great	" 8:	morn.	♌ 28	Spica south 10 22 [49	4 5	1 6	59	25
Friday	8	Stanislaus	" 9:	12 12	♍ 13	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 12	4 5	0 7	0	26
Saturday	9	Greg. Nazianzen	" 10:	12 56	♍ 28	9th. ☿ sets 8 29	4 4	59 7	1	27
19] *5th Sunday after Easter,*			John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 4 *min.*				
Sunday	10	John Heuglin	Heb. 11:	1 42	♎ 12	♃ south 8 22	4 4	58 7	2	28
Monday	11	John Arndt	" 12:	2 10	♎ 26	Rigel sets 8 23	4 4	57 7	3	29
Tuesday	12	Meletius	" 13:	2 44	♏ 10	Arctur south 10 52	4 4	56 7	4	30
Wednesday	13	Servatius	John 14:	3 14	♏ 23	Libræ south 11 42	4 4	55 7	5	M
Thursday	14	*Ascension Day*	Coloss. 2:	3 58	♐ 7	☽ in per. ♌. ♂ ☽ ☿	4 4	54 7	6	2
Friday	15	Moses	John 15:	☽ sets.	♐ 20	15. Antares ris. 8 35	4 4	53 7	7	3
Saturday	16	Five Marts. at L.	" 16:	8 4	♑ 3	♂ ☽ ♁. ♄ ris. 12 24	4 4	52 7	8	4
20] *6th Sunday after Easter,*			John 15: 26–16: 14; 1 Peter 4: 8–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 16 *min.*				
Sunday	17	Joachim of Flor.	1 John 1:	9 10	♑ 16	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 8 46	4 4	52 7	8	5
Monday	18	80 Marts. under Val.	" 2:	10 14	♑ 29	Sirius sets 8 0 ♍	4 4	51 7	9	6
Tuesday	19	Alcuin	" 3:	11 8	♒ 12	♃ stationary	4 4	50 7	10	7
Wednesday	20	Val. Herberger	" 4:	11 52	♒ 24	♃ south 7 42	4 4	49 7	11	8
Thursday	21	Constantine	" 5:	morn.	♓ 6	☉ enters ♊ [10 13	3 4	48 7	12	9
Friday	22	Castus & Aemil.	Joel 3:	12 22	♓ 18	22d. Arctur south	4 4	47 7	13	10
Saturday	23	Jerome Savonar.	John 17:	12 56	♈ 0	♄ rises 12 1	4 4	46 7	14	11
21] *Whit Sunday or Pentecost,*			John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 30 *min.*				
Sunday	24	*Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1–7	1 20	♈ 12	♂ ☽ ♃. ♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	3 4	45 7	15	12
Monday	25	*Whit Monday*	" 5:	1 44	♈ 24	♀ sets 8 58 [lion	3 4	45 7	15	13
Tuesday	26	Beda Venerabilis	Romans 12:	2 10	♉ 6	☽ in apo. ☿ in Perihe-	3 4	44 7	16	14
Wednesday	27	John Calvin	1 Cor. 13:	2 35	♉ 18	♃ south 7 14	3 4	43 7	17	15
Thursday	28	Lanfranc	Rom. 6: 19–7:	2 58	♊ 1	♍. Antares rises 7 37	3 4	43 7	17	16
Friday	29	David Zeisberger	" 8:	3 22	♊ 14	Wega south 2 7	3 4	42 7	18	17
Saturday	30	Jerome of Prag.	2 Cor. 5:	3 48	♊ 28	♀ in Perihelion	3 4	41 7	19	18
22] *Trinity Sunday,*			John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 38 *min.*				
Sunday	31	Joach'm Neander	Acts 1: 2:	☽ rises.	♈ 10	31st. ♄ rises 11 48	3 4	41 7	19	19

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	1st	day, 11	o'clock,	8	min. Forenoon.
Last Quarter,	9th	" 2	"	11	" Morning.
New Moon,	15th	" 5	"	15	" Afternoon.
First Quarter,	22d	" 10	"	17	" Evening.
Full Moon,	31st	" 1	"	45	" Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, frost; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, thunder showers; 19, 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, 24, 25, warm; 26, thunder; 27, 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, clear.

A CHAPTER ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

I.

WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING.

1.) *The Methodist Church:* Has more than two hundred missionaries in Africa, China, South America, India, Italy, and elsewhere. Lately $10,000 were devoted to the tribes in inner Africa, brought to notice by Dr. Livingstone.

2.) *The Baptist Church:* Fifty years ago its Board reported one mission, one missionary, and one convert (a Burman). Now they have 13 missionaries, 1,800 stations, 750 churches, and 50,000 converts, (4,000 in 1870!)—in Africa, China, Japan, Greece, &c.

In Jamaica, West Indies, they have 110 congregations, (all *self-sustaining*), 14,000 children in Sunday-School, 6,000 in day school, and 2,300 in training for teachers and ministers! The American Baptist Home Mission Society supports 400 missionaries, at an outlay of $195,000.

3.) *The Presbyterian Church:* In 1872 devoted $450,000 to Foreign Missions, in South America, India, China, Persia, Japan, Africa, &c. It also has five Presbyteries on our Pacific coast.

4.) *The Episcopal Church:* In 1872 gave $110,000 to Foreign Missions.

5.) *The Moravian Church:* Annually devotes from $80,000 to $100,000 to Foreign Missions, scattered over Greenland, the West Indies, Australia, South Africa, and our Indian Territories. They have in the United States and Europe, only 15,000 communicant members, *but* 20,000 *in their Foreign Mission Stations!* What a noble record!

6.) *The Reformed (Dutch) Church:* Has twelve mission stations and sixteen missionaries in China, India and Japan, with 1,220 communicants. In 1872 $65,000 were devoted to Foreign Missions.

7.) *The United Brethren* Church has six missionaries in the Foreign work; and the *Lutheran* has five.

8.) *The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions:* With about $437,000 supports missions in Africa, Turkey, China, Japan, Hawaiian Islands, Austria, Spain, Mexico, and our Indian Territories.

9.) *In England*, the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," with a yearly income of about $450,000, supports 147 missionaries. The "Church Missionary Society" has over 200 missionaries, at a cost of over $600,000!

The "London Missionary Society" has over 150 missionaries, and pays out $500,000 yearly. The "Baptist Missionary Society" operates in India, Ceylon, China, Africa, and West Indies, on an income of about $130,000. The "Wesleyan Missionary Society," founded by John Wesley, expends $650,000 on 400 missionaries and native clergy.

Summing up the whole matter (very much of which is omitted for want of space), there are 1,300,000 converts, 2,276 Protestant Missionaries and native clergy, supported by alms amounting to over $5,000,000! To this may be added 700,000 converts, and $1,000,000 of the Roman Catholic Church.

These things are here set down, not to glorify others, much less to expose our own shame, but only in order that our ministers and people may carefully study the lesson thus taught by the contrast which follows. If we have been idle, let us at least not mock at those who have been so active in the Master's work.

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Monday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	Acts 3:	9 2	♌ 26	♂ ☿ ♄. ♀ sets 9 12 ☋	3	4 40	7 20	20
Tuesday	2 Pothinus	" 4:	10 8	♍ 10	♃ sets 12 50	2	4 40	7 20	21
Wednesday	3 Chlotilde	" 5:	11 0	♎ 25	Arctur south 9 26	2	4 39	7 21	22
Thursday	4 Quirinus	" 6:	11 34	♏ 10	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 11 41	2	4 39	7 21	23
Friday	5 Boniface	" 7:	morn.	♐ 24	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2	4 38	7 22	24
Saturday	6 Norbert	" 8:	12 16	♑ 8	Antares south 11 25	2	4 38	7 22	25

23] *1st Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 16: 19–21; 1 John 4: 7–21. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	7 Paul Gerhardt	1 Pet. 2: 1–10	12 48	♑ 22	7th. ♀ sets 9 18	2	4 37	7 23	26
Monday	8 A. H. Francke	Acts 10:	1 12	♒ 6	Pollux sets 10 18	1	4 37	7 23	27
Tuesday	9 Columba	" 11:	1 38	♒ 20	Procyon sets 8 42	1	4 37	7 23	28
Wednesday	10 Fr'd. Barbarossa	" 12:	2 0	♓ 3	☽ in per. ☊.	1	4 36	7 24	29
Thursday	11 Barnabas	1 Pet. 2: 11–3: 1–17	2 28	♓ 16	Regulus sets 11 25	1	4 36	7 24	30
Friday	12 Renata	" 3: 18–4: 16	2 58	♈ 0	♃ sets 12 18	1	4 36	7 24	31
Saturday	13 Isaac le Febre	" 4: 17–5:	3 30	♈ 13	□ ♃ ☉. ♄ rises 11 11	sun	4 36	7 24	J

24] *2d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–24. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	14 Basil	James 1:	☽ sets.	♈ 25	14th. ♂ ☽ ♁	sl'w	4 35	7 25	2
Monday	15 W. Wilberforce	2 Peter 1: 12–2: 3:	9 4	♈ 8	♂ ☽ ☿. Altair south 12 10		4 35	7 25	3
Tuesday	16 Richard Baxter	James 2:	9 49	♈ 20	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 9 28		4 35	7 25	4
Wednesday	17 John Tauler	" 3:	10 25	♉ 2	Wega south 12 48		4 35	7 25	5
Thursday	18 Pamphilus	" 4:	10 58	♉ 14	Libræ south 9 24		4 35	7 25	6
Friday	19 Council at Nicæa	" 5:	11 24	♉ 26	♃ sets 11 39		4 35	7 25	7
Saturday	20 27 Martyrs	Jude	11 48	♊ 8	♄ rises 10 49		4 35	7 25	8

25] *3d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Peter 5: 6–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 52 *min.*

Sunday	21 Matt. Claudius	Acts 13: 1–12	morn.	♊ 20	21. ☉en. ♋ L. Day		4 34	7 26	9
Monday	22 Gottschalk	" 13: 13–52	12 28	♋ 2	☽ in apo. Summer		4 35	7 25	10
Tuesday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 14:	12 50	♋ 14	♀ sets 9 26 [Com. ♉.		4 35	7 25	11
Wednesday	24 John Baptist	" 15:	1 12	♋ 26	Regulus sets 10 34		4 35	7 25	12
Thursday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 16.	1 38	♌ 9	7* rises 1 58		4 35	7 25	13
Friday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	" 17: 1–14	2 10	♌ 22	♃ sets 11 16		4 35	7 25	14
Saturday	27 Seven Sleepers	" 17: 15–18: 11:	2 49	♍ 6	♄ rises 10 18		3 4	35 7	25 15

26] *4th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	28 Irenæus	1 Thess. 1:	3 18	♍ 20	☿ gr. Elon. East		3 4	35 7	25 16
Monday	29 Peter and Paul	" 2: 1–16	☽ rises.	♎ 5	29th. ☿ sets 8 20 ☋		3 4	36 7	24 17
Tuesday	30 Raymond Lully	" 2: 17–3:	8 55	♎ 20	Spica sets 12 8		3 4	36 7	24 18

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 7th day, 8 o'clock, 16 min. Morning.
New Moon, 14th " 1 " 15 " Morning.
First Quarter, 21st " 3 " 0 " Afternoon.
Full Moon, 29th " 1 " 45 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, warm; 15, 16, 17, thunder; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, warm; 23, thunder showers; 24, 25, 26, clear; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, warm.

II.

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

Our new Board of Foreign Missions was organized only in April, 1873. It has a few thousand dollars on hand, received from the old Board, but will from this time forward need the aid of Sunday-schools and congregations. It is looking to Japan as the most favorable field for us. For fifteen years we have done almost nothing for Foreign Missions; let us now earnestly carry forward this interesting work. While other Churches, of almost every name and strength, have been active here, we have been idle. May God forgive us!

Perhaps our neglect of Foreign Missions might not be so blameworthy, if we had done a great work in the Home field; but alas! here also we must smite upon our breasts and say, "We have sinned." For several years our Home Mission work has dragged—terribly. No matter *why;* the fact is plain and confessed, and with this alone we have to do.

III.

WHAT THE LORD IS DOING.

He is preparing the nations to receive the Gospel. Most wonderfully He is opening the way. Not only are Chinese and others brought to our very doors, but by means of railroads and other communications, China, Japan, Europe, Asia, and Africa are brought near us. The ocean trip from San Francisco to Yokohama is only sixteen days!

Learned Commissions of Japanese have carried back from the United States to their own country favorable notions of our laws, customs, manufactures, and religion, and the Japanese are changing all their national ways. A large portion of the middle and upper classes dress in our costume, and government officers must do so. They have stages, steamers, telegraphs, and a railroad. They use foreign machinery, and sell foreign goods. Beef, the abomination of Buddhism, is largely consumed. A foreign college in Yeddo has hundreds of boys studying English, French, and German. Eight foreign physicians teach in medical colleges. Several newspapers are published, and a large quantity of English and French books are imported. They have a post-office system. Marriage has been exalted and protected. A great educational system has been adopted, and English text-books are largely imported. They now use our calendar of days and months, and every seventh day is a day of rest (their many heathen holidays having been abolished). Besides all this, the Government has revoked the decree which had for several hundred years been in force against Christianity, and has now fully opened its doors to Christian missionaries. "*This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*"

The Chinese Government is more slowly doing the same thing. In 1842 the English treaty with China opened five ports to foreigners. Immediately missionaries were sent from Europe and America. In 1845 the Emperor abolished the death-penalty for professing Christianity. Now missionaries may live in seventeen leading Chinese cities, and with passports, under later treaties, may travel over that whole immense kingdom. . . . . Surely this also the Lord hath done!

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place. S. °	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	Cycle
Wednesday	1 H. Vows	1 Thess. 4:	9 32	♌ 4	☽ sets 9 24	4 4	8 7	24 19
Thursday	2 Visit Vir. Mary	" 5:	10 19	♌ 19	☽ ☌ ♄. ♄ rises 10 0	4 4	8 7	23 20
Friday	3 Otto, Bishop	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	10 42	♌ 4	☽ in Aphelion	4 4	8 7	23 21
Saturday	4 *Independence*	" 2: 13-3	11 10	♌ 19	☽ sets 10 43	4 4	8 7	23 22

27] *5th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Peter 3: 8-15. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.*

Sunday	5 Lord Cobham	Gala. 1: 1-10	11 35	♌ 3	☽. ☌ ☾ ☽ [9 41	4 4	8 7	22 23
Monday	6 John Huss	Acts 18. 12: 19: 1-10	11 59	♌ 17	☾ ☌. Regulus sets	4 4	8 7	22 24
Tuesday	7 Willibald	Galatians 1: 2: 3: 1-10	morn.	♌ 0	☽ in per. ☽ sets 10	4 4	8 7	22 25
Wednesday	8 Kilian	" 2: 3: 4: 1-14	12 23	♍ 16	♄ rises 9 52 [84	4 4	8 7	21 26
Thursday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 3: 15	12 54	♍ 29	☽ in Aphelion	4 4	8 7	21 27
Friday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 4:	1 26	♎ 9	☿ sets 9 16	4 4	8 7	20 28
Saturday	11 Placidus	" 5: 6:	2 5	♎ 22	☽ stationary.	4 4	8 7	20 29

28] *6th Sunday after Trinity.* Matth. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.*

Sunday	12 Henry II.	1 Cor. 1:	2 50	♎ 4	Rigel rises 3 45	4 4	7 17	19 30
Monday	13 Eugenius	" 2:	☽ sets	♎ 16	☽ h. ☌ ☽ ☽	4 4	7 17	19 J
Tuesday	14 Bonaventura	" 3: 4: 1-4	3 23	♎ 29	☽ ☽ ☽. Dog Days	4 4	7 17	18 2
Wednesday	15 Answer	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	3 56	♏ 11	Sirius sets 11 6	begin		17 3
Thursday	16 Anna Askow	" 5: 9-6:	4 28	♏ 23	☽ ☽ ☿. ☿ sets 9 10	4 4	8 7	17 4
Friday	17 Speratus & 11 co.	" 7:	5 0	♐ 5	♄ rises 9 2	4 4	8 7	16 5
Saturday	18 Arnulf	" 8: 9:	10 12	♐ 17	☽ ☽ ☿. ☿ sets 10 9	4 4	8 7	15 6

29] *7th Sunday after Trinity.* Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 30 min.*

Sunday	19 Louisa Henrietta	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	10 36	♐ 28	♈* rises 12 18	4 4	7 7	15 7
Monday	20 John Marteilhe	" 11: 2	10 54	♑ 10	☽ in apo. ♂.	4 4	7 7	14 8
Tuesday	21 Eberhard	" 12: 1-30	11 20	♑ 22	☿. Arcturus sets 1 18	4 4	7 7	13 9
Wednesday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 12: 31-13:	morn.	♒ 5	Altair south 11 36	4 4	7 7	12 10
Thursday	23 Godfr. v. Hamelle	" 14:	12 10	♒ 17	□ Neptune ☉. ☉ en. ♎	4 4	7 7	11 11
Friday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 15: 1-34	12 42	♓ 0	☿ sets 9 2	4 4	7 7	10 12
Saturday	25 St. James	" 15: 35-16:	1 20	♓ 14	♂ ☌ ☉ Inferior	4 4	7 7	10 13

30] *8th Sunday after Trinity.* Matth. 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 18 min.*

Sunday	26 Christopher	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	2 24	♓ 28	♃ sets 9 38	4 4	7 7	9 14
Monday	27 Raym. Palmarius	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	3 29	♈ 13	Antares south 7 55	4 4	7 7	8 15
Tuesday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 1: 23-2	☽ sets	♈ 28	☽ h. ♄ rises 8 26	4 4	7 7	7 16
Wednesday	29 Olaus	" 3: 4: 1-6	8 28	♉ 13	☽ ☽ ☽ ☽. ☽ ☿ ☽	4 4	7 7	6 17
Thursday	30 John Wessel	" 4: 7-5: 10	9 10	♉ 28	Aldebaran rises 12 53	4 4	7 7	5 18
Friday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 5: 11: 6: 7: 1	10 4	♊ 13	Regulus sets 8 4	4 4	7 7	4 19

(☽) Mars is the 5th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter.	6th day.	1 o'clock.	1 min.	Afternoon.
New Moon.	13th "	11 "	24 "	Forenoon.
First Quarter.	21st "	8 "	36 "	Morning.
Full Moon.	28th "	11 "	41 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm, with showers; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, showers; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, stormy; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, warm; 19, warmest day; 20, thunder; 21, 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, variable; 29, thunder showers; 30, 31, clear.

Then, too, a number of their most talented young men are now in this country, studying our art, science, literature, laws, customs, and religion.

A missionary in China states, that if the present ratio of conversion goes on as it has been going on for some years back, by the year 1900 the native Christians in China will number over two millions.

Also railroads are stretching their long lines over missionary ground. In Africa there are 1,000 miles. In Turkey and Greece, 700. In Australia, 1,100. In all Asia, more than 5,000. A railroad now connects Yokohama and Yeddo, Japan.

It is not surprising, therefore, that these external and material changes are also accompanied by a great inner change in these nations, and that whole districts of country are embracing the Christian faith. The last ten years show wonderful progress. For example, in India, ten years ago, there were only 139,000 Christians; now there are 224,000 (an addition of 60 per cent.)! (In the preceding ten years the increase was over fifty per cent.) In some districts the increase was as high as 400 per cent.

In ten years the converts of the Baptist Mission rose from 23 to 6,000; those of the Methodists, from 300 to 1,800; those of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, from 800 to 2,400; of the Lutheran from 360 to 2,400. What is true of India is true also of many other countries.

Considering all these things, and seeing not only the need of activity, but also the way so fully open, let the Reformed Church in the United States now begin anew her Foreign Mission work. Then with new meaning and spirit can we sing, "From Greenland's icy mountains."

NEW REFORMED PAPERS IN 1873.

In 1873 the following new papers were started:

1. "*Our Church Paper*," the organ of the Pittsburgh Synod, issued twice a month, and edited by Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D.

2. "*The Heidelberg Teacher*," a monthly, issued by the Publication Board of the Ohio Synod for Sunday School teachers.

3. "*Leaves of Light*," a semi-monthly Sunday School paper, from the same source.

4. "*College Days*," a monthly, in the interest of Franklin and Marshall College.

5. "*The Reformed Church Herald*," edited by Rev. I. K. Loos and others, and published at Bethlehem, Pa.

MINISTERS.

The United Brethren Church has	870
The Moravian Church has	26
The Reformed (Dutch) Church has	509
The Reformed (German) Church has	595
The Presbyterian Church (North) has	4,534
The Presbyterian Church (South) has	875
The United Presbyterian Church has	584
The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has	1,085
The Roman Catholic Church has (about)	4,000
The Baptists (of various names) about	12,000
The Lutheran Church has	2,215
The Congregationalists have	3,168
The Episcopal Church has	2,953

Our Publication Board has sold almost 10,000 copies of the Order of Worship.

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1874.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. 3.	Moon's Place. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h.	Sun rises m.	Sun sets h.	Sun sets m.	O. style
Saturday	1	Maccabees	2 Cor. 7: 2	10	30	♒	28	☽ in per. ♀ sets 8 52 ☋	6	4	57	7	3	20
31]		*9th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 6–13.					*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 4 *min.*						
Sunday	2	Mar. under Nero	2 Cor. 8:	10	56	♉	13	♃ sets 9 8	6	4	58	7	2	21
Monday	3	Wm. Thorp	" 9:	11	24	♉	27	☊. ♂ H ☉. ☿ ♄ ☉	6	4	59	7	1	22
Tuesday	4	Leonard Kaser	" 10:	11	54	♊	10	4th. ☿ stationary	6	5	0	7	0	23
Wednesday	5	Salzb'g Evang.	" 11:	morn.		♊	23	♄ south 11 56	6	5	1	6	59	24
Thursday	6	Transfiguration	" 12: 1–18	12	10	♋	6	7* rises 11 7	6	5	2	6	58	25
Friday	7	Nonna	" 12: 19–13:	12	50	♋	19	Sirius rises 4 29	6	5	3	6	57	26
Saturday	8	Hormisdas	Acts 20: 1–13	1	36	♌	1	♀ sets 8 44 ♏	5	5	4	6	56	27
32]		*10th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 19: 41–48; 1 Cor. 12: 5–11.					*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 50 *min.*						
Sunday	9	Numidicus	Rom. 1: 1–17	2	32	♌	14	♃ sets 8 50	5	5	56	55	28	
Monday	10	Laurentius	" 1: 18–31	3	30	♌	26	☽ ♂ ☿. ♄. ♄ rises 4 12	5	5	6	54	29	
Tuesday	11	Greg. of Utrecht	" 2:	☽ sets.		♍	8	11th. Orion rises	5	5	7	53	30	
Wednesday	12	An. of Havelb'g	" 3:	7	38	♍	20	♂ ♀ ♃ 1 58	5	5	8	52	31	
Thursday	13	C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 4:	8	2	♎	2	☿ gr. Elon. West	4	5	9	51	A	
Friday	14	James Guthrie	" 5: 1–11	8	30	♎	14	☿ rises 4 36	4	5	10	50	2	
Saturday	15	Virgin Mary	" 5: 12–21	8	56	♎	25	☽ ♂ ♃. ♀. ♃ sets 8 36	4	5	12	48	3	
33]		*11th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–10.					*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 34 *min.*						
Sunday	16	John of Saxony	Rom. 6:	9	14	♏	7	♀ in ♈. ♀ sets 8 36	4	5	13	6	47	4
Monday	17	John Gerhard	" 7:	9	39	♏	19	☽ in apo. ♈.	4	5	14	6	46	5
Tuesday	18	Hugo Grotius	" 8: 1–15	10	6	♐	1	♄ south 11 17	3	5	15	6	45	6
Wednesday	19	Sebaldus	" 8: 16–39	10	39	♐	13	Sirius rises 3 44	3	5	17	6	43	7
Thursday	20	Bernard of Clair	" 9: 1–13	11	14	♐	26	20th. ♄ rises 3 56	3	5	18	6	42	8
Friday	21	1st Mor. Miss.	" 9: 14–33	morn.		♑	9	Wega south 8 32	3	5	19	6	41	9
Saturday	22	Symphorianus	" 10:	12	4	♑	23	☿ in Perihelion. ♂ ☿ ♄	3	5	20	6	40	10
34]		*12th Sunday after Trinity,*	Mark 17: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11.					*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 18 *min.*						
Sunday	23	Gasp. de Coligne	Rom. 11:	1	2	♑	7	Dog days end. ☉en. ♏ ☋	2	5	21	6	39	11
Monday	24	Bartholomew	" 12:	1	59	♒	21	♀ sets 8 22	2	5	22	6	38	12
Tuesday	25	Louis IX.	" 13:	2	52	♒	6	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 10 48	2	5	24	6	36	13
Wednesday	26	Ulfilas	" 14:	3	46	♓	21	♃ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2	5	25	6	35	14
Thursday	27	Jovinian	" 15: 1–13	☽ rises.		♓	7	27th. ♃ sets 7 58	1	5	26	6	34	15
Friday	28	Aug. of Hippo	" 15: 14–33	7	37	♈	22	7* rises 9 44	1	5	27	6	33	16
Saturday	29	John Bapt. B'd	" 16:	8	6	♉	7	☽ in per. ♄ sets 3 49	1	5	28	6	32	17
35]		*13th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 15–22.					*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 2 *min.*						
Sunday	30	Claud. of Turin	Acts 20:	8	35	♉	22	☊. Altair south 9 10	0	5	29	6	31	18
Monday	31	Aidan	" 21:	9	25	♊	6	Orion rises 12 44	0	5	31	6	29	19

(♄) Saturn is the 3d in opposition with the Sun, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 4th day, 5 o'clock, 45 min. Evening.
New Moon, 11th " 10 " 53 " Evening.
First Quarter, 20th " 1 " 51 " Morning.
Full Moon, 27th " 8 " 26 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, thunder; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, sultry, warm; 16, thunder; 17, 18, pleasant; 19, 20, 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, thunder; 25, 26, fair; 27, thunder showers; 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, fair.

HOW MISSION CHURCHES WORK!

You must not suppose that Mission churches receive aid, and give nothing back. They are taught to practice self-denial and almsgiving from the beginning, and to dedicate their sons to the Ministry.

1) This is true of Foreign Mission Churches. Fifty-seven Baptist Churches of the Sandwich Islands support seventeen of their own men as Foreign Missionaries among the Marquesas Islands. The jubilee offerings of about 100 poor Chinese, belonging to an Episcopal Mission, were $2,400. About 500 Christians on the Island of Magaia, in the Pacific Ocean, last year, sent the London Missionary Society about $600, not in money but in arrow-root and fishing nets! In ten years this church sent out 34 missionaries to labor on other islands! So in regard to the Presbyterian Missions in China. The 1220 Christians in the Dutch-Reformed Missions of China, Japan and India, last year raised $1600 for church work. The Christians in the Tinnevelly district of India are very poor, and never have money; but at their monthly Missionary meetings a collection is taken in *rice*. This in one year, when sold, brought $5000!

2) The same thing is equally true of Home Mission churches. The Commission from the Board directs the Missionary to train the people to liberality, especially in giving to Mission work. In this way they early begin to pay back to the Church part of the aid given. The last year or two, in many cases, the Mission gives back more than it receives; and when once self-supporting, it then has learned to give freely. So also, these churches are taught to give their sons to the Holy Ministry.

Some persons think this very strange. "If they are receiving aid, why shall they give alms to be sent away from their own congregation?"

Simply in order to train them to give. It may seem strange, but it is true, that even the Orphans in our Homes, who are almost entirely supported by the Church, give alms for Missions, Beneficiary Education, and other church work. (They give part of the money which visitors give them.) Some persons would call this folly; but the Church calls it wise and good.

Mission churches, orphans, everybody should be taught to exercise the Christian grace of almsgiving.

In this way the Church receives back much of her giving. It comes in part now; but especially do these Mission churches pay back largely when they once become self-sustaining. From them and from our Orphan Homes many of our future Ministers will come.

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OUR CHURCH IN FRANCE.

We there have 700 ministers; 1000 churches; 1200 schools; 500,000 members (of whom 20,000 are in Paris). "The French Reformed Church," says *Our Church Paper*, "is sometimes set down as one with the modern American Presbyterians. But in creed, cultus, government, origin, and history, they are more distinctly Reformed. This whole family is our side of the great Reformation."

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EVEN the poorest sermon has one good point—the text.

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1874.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place. s.	d.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	Day of Year
Tuesday	1 Hanna	Acts 22: 23:	10 38	♍	19	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☋	0 5	32 6	28 20
Wednesday	2 Mamas	" 24: 25:	11 8	♎	3	☽ 2d. ☿ sets 8 12	0 5	33 6	27 21
Thursday	3 Hildegarde	" 26:	10 50	♎	16	☽ ☌ ♃ sets 7 30	1 5	35 6	25 22
Friday	4 Ida	" 27:	morn.	♎	28	♄ south 10 4 ☊	1 5	36 6	24 23
Saturday	5 John Mollio	" 28:	12 42	♏	12	Aldebaran rises 10 37	1 5	37 6	23 24

36] 14*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 42 *min.*

Sunday	6 Matthias Weibel	Eph. 1: 1–14	1 36	♏	23	Sirius rises 2 30	2 5	39 6	21 25
Monday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 1: 15: 2: 1–10	2 34	♐	5	☉ ☿ ♂ superior	2 5	40 6	20 26
Tuesday	8 Corbinian	" 2: 11–3:	3 36	♐	17	☽ ☍ ♄. ♄ rises 3 41	2 5	41 6	19 27
Wednesday	9 Lorigi Paschali	" 4: 1–17	4 38	♐	29	☿ sets 8 4 [9 40	3 5	42 6	18 28
Thursday	10 Paul Speratus	" 4: 18	☽ sets.	♑	11	☽ 10. ☽ ☍ ♅. ♄ so'th	3 5	44 6	16 29
Friday	11 John Brenz	" 5: 6: 1–9	7 0	♑	23	☽ 7* rises 8 56	3 5	45 6	15 30
Saturday	12 Dionys's Peloq'n	" 6: 10	7 30	♒	5	☽ ☍ ♃. ♃ sets 7 4	4 5	46 6	14 31

37] 15*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25–6: 10. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 24 *min.*

Sunday	13 Wm. Farel	Colos. 1:	7 56	♒	17	Fomal south 11 24	4 5	48 6	12 8
Monday	14 Cyprian	" 2: 3: 1–4	8 26	♒	29	☽ in apo. ♂. ☽ ☍ ☿	4 5	49 6	11 2
Tuesday	15 Ar. v. Grumb'h	" 3: 5–4:	8 56	♓	11	☿ sets 7 56	5 5	50 6	10 3
Wednesday	16 *Ember Day*	Philemon	9 30	♓	23	♄ rises 3 22	5 5	52 6	8 4
Thursday	17 Lambert	Philip 1: 1–26	10 16	♈	6	♄ south 9 18	5 5	53 6	7 5
Friday	18 A.G. Spangenb'g	" 1: 27–2:	11 12	♈	19	☽ 18th. ♃ sets 6 44	6 5	54 5	6 6
Saturday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 3: 4:	morn.	♉	2	Sirius rises 1 49 ☋	6 5	56 6	4 7

38] 16*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 6 *min.*

Sunday	20 Magdal. Luther	1 Tim. 1:	12 6	♉	16	☿ in Aphelion	7 5	57 6	3 8
Monday	21 Matthew	" 2:	1 12	♉	1	☽ ☿ ♃. ☽ ☍ ♄	7 5	58 6	2 9
Tuesday	22 Mauritius	" 3: 1–13	2 24	♉	15	☿ sets 7 48	7 5	59 6	1 10
Wednesday	23 5 Mar. of Gen'a.	" 3: 14–4: 10	3 28	♉	0	☉ enters ♎. Day & N. equal	8 6	0 6	0 11
Thursday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 4: 11–5: 16	4 36	♊	15	Autumn Commences	8 6	2 5	58 12
Friday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 5: 17	☽ rises.	♊	0	☽ 25th. ♄ south 8 50	8 6	3 5	57 13
Saturday	26 Lioba	" 6:	6 36	♊	15	☽ ☍ ☽ in per.	9 6	4 5	56 14

39] 17*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–16. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 48 *min.*

Sunday	27 Phil. Graveron	Titus 1:	7 4	♊	0	☽ ☍. ♄ rises 3 12	9 6	6 5	54 15
Monday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 2:	7 36	♊	14	☿ gr. Elon. East	9 6	7 5	53 16
Tuesday	29 St. Michael	" 3:	8 10	♊	28	Aldebaran rises 9 8	10 6	8 5	52 17
Wednesday	30 Jerome	2 Tim. 1:	8 50	♋	11	7* rises 7 46	10 6	10 5	50 18

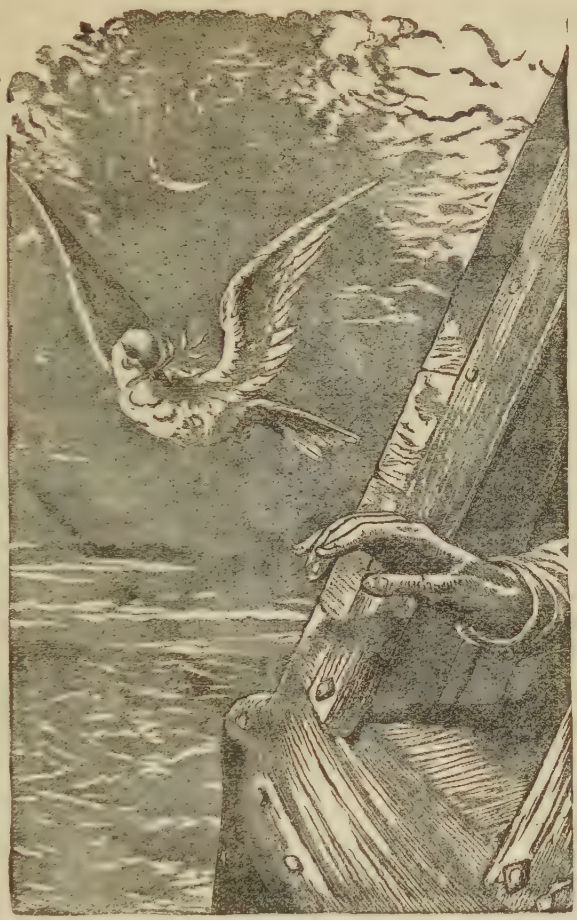
MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2d	day,	11	o'clock,	53	min. Evening.
New Moon,	10th	"	1	"	9	" Afternoon.
First Quarter,	18th	"	6	"	3	" Evening.
Full Moon,	25th	"	5	"	5	" Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, 5, thunder; 6, 7, 8, clear; 9, 10, 11, warm; 12, 13, showers; 14, 15, 16, pleasant; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, 26, stormy; 27, 28, 29, 30, fair.

A CHAPTER ON HOME MISSSIONS.



What is Home Mission work? Simply to organize congregations in our own country, and aid them with money until they become self-supporting.

The strong must help the weak. What was it but this, when the poor Jews of Palestine were helped to rebuild Jerusalem? The whole Book of Acts is simply a missionary record! Paul was not supported by the Christians of Macedonia, but by those of Philippi (Phil. 4: 15, 16). Was not our own Church planted and supported in America by the Reformed Church in Holland (see "Life of Michael Schlatter")?

It is not just money that is now needed, but rather a missionary spirit, so that our people will give, not because they must, or because a powerful appeal has been made, but because they know the great work to be done, and want to do it.

Gratitude to God and our fathers should fill us with this missionary spirit. Your whole neighborhood, good reader, was at one time missionary ground, and somebody having the spirit of our Master, practiced self-denial, that the Church might there be established. Now that you have strong churches all around you, it does not become you to neglect the same wants of others in the South and West especially. Help them to establish the Church there, and they will spread it still farther

What has our Church done, of late years, in the work of Home Missions?

Compared with what the Church did thirty years ago, we have done much. There are ministers yet living, who remember the time when we had not five actual missionaries, and when all our missionary money was less than $1000; though now our poorest Classes give as much.

This is encouraging; but let it not lessen our penitence for plain neglect, much less make us boastf or even satisfied.

The last report of the General Board of Missions gives the following facts: We have 80 missions, (with 125 congregations); 13 of them *vacant.* Of these mission congregations, 29 are in Pennsylvania, 41 West of it, and the rest in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Canada; 15 are English, 44 German, and 21 have both English and German service. The report covers three years. In this time the old Eastern Synod gave for Missions about $18,000 —less than $6,000 a year! Let a membership of 80,000 humbly say, "We have sinned!" *Seven and a half cents per member* to plant the Church of Christ in waste places! No wonder the Eastern Synod in October 1872 said: "This is not creditable to our Church!" Oh, for the spirit of our Lord, and of His Apostles, and of the Early Church, to move us to faithfulness!

Behold, how much yet remains to be done! How loud the calls are, and from every quarter! Iowa alone needs much help. Virginia is a great ripe field. The Pacific Coast,—especially California—calls upon us; to say nothing of a dozen other

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1874.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Thursday	1 Remigius	2 Tim. 2:	9 40	♌ 24	☿ sets 7 38 ♏	10 6	11 5	49	19
Friday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 3:	10 32	♍ 7	☽ 2d. ♄ south 8 18	11 6	12 5	48	20
Saturday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 4:	11 30	♎ 19	Sirius rises 1 2	11 6	13 5	47	21

40] 18*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 30 *min.*

Sunday	4 Franciscus	Heb. 1:	morn.	♎ 1	Rigel rises 9 59	11 6	15 5	45	22
Monday	5 Petro Carnesec.	" 2:	12 34	♎ 13	♂ ☌ ☉	12 6	16 5	44	23
Tuesday	6 Henry Albert	" 3: 4:	1 36	♎ 25	Altair south 6 55	12 6	17 5	43	24
Wednesday	7 Theodore Beza	" 5:	2 37	♏ 5	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 2 49	12 6	19 5	41	25
Thursday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 6:	3 39	♏ 19	☿ sets 7 32	12 6	20 5	40	26
Friday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 7:	4 42	♐ 1	☋. ♂ ☽ ☌	13 6	21 5	39	27
Saturday	10 Justus Jonas	" 8:	☽ sets.	♐ 13	10. Orion ris. 10 20	13 6	23 5	37	28

41] 19*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 12 *min.*

Sunday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	Heb. 9: 1–14	6 12	♐ 25	☽ in apo. ♄ south 7 34	13 6	24 5	36	29
Monday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 9: 15	6 37	♑ 7	♄ stationary. ♂ ☽ ☿	13 6	25 5	35	30
Tuesday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 10: 1–18	7 2	♑ 20	Aldebaran rises 8 17	14 6	27 5	33	O
Wednesday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 10: 19–39	7 36	♒ 3	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 7 26	14 6	28 5	32	2
Thursday	15 Aurelia	" 11:	8 16	♒ 16	7* rises 6 51	14 6	29 5	31	3
Friday	16 Gallus	" 12:	9 6	♒ 29	Capella, south 3 43 ♉	14 6	31 5	29	4
Saturday	17 Rev. Edi. of Nan.	" 13:	10 11	♓ 12	♄ rises 2 37	15 6	32 5	28	5

42] 20*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 54 *min.*

Sunday	18 St. Luke	Prov. 1: 2:	11 19	♓ 26	18. Sirius rises 12 6	15 6	33 5	27	6
Monday	19 Bruno	" 3:	morn.	♈ 10	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ so. 7 2	15 6	34 5	26	7
Tuesday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 4:	12 30	♈ 24	☿ sets 7 20	15 6	35 5	25	8
Wednesday	21 Hilarion	" 5: 1–19	1 47	♉ 9	☿ sets 6 28	15 6	36 5	24	9
Thursday	22 Hedwig	" 6: 20–7:	3 2	♉ 24	♆ Neptune ☉	16 6	38 5	22	10
Friday	23 Henry Martin	" 8:	4 20	♊ 9	☿ gr. Elon. East. ☉ en. ♍	16 6	39 5	21	11
Saturday	24 Arethas	" 9:	5 36	♊ 24	☿ in Aphelion.	16 6	41 5	19	12

43] 21*st Sunday after Trinity,* John 4: 46–54; Eph. 6: 10–20. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 36 *min.*

Sunday	25 John Herz	Prov. 10: 11:	☽ rises.	♋ 8	25. ☋. ☽ eclipse. ☽	16 6	42 5	18	13
Monday	26 Frederick III.	" 12: 13:	6 8	♋ 22	♄ in Aph'n [in per.	16 6	43 5	17	14
Tuesday	27 Frumentius	" 14: 15:	6 48	♌ 6	☿ sets 7 15	16 6	44 5	16	15
Wednesday	28 Simon and Jude	" 16: 17:	7 34	♌ 19	♄ rises 2 24	16 6	45 5	15	16
Thursday	29 Alfred the Great	" 18: 19:	8 26	♍ 2	Orion rises 9 8 ♏	16 6	46 5	14	17
Friday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 20: 21: 22: 1–16	9 22	♍ 15	☽ sets 11 40	16 6	47 5	13	18
Saturday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 22: 17: 23: 24	10 26	♍ 27	31st. □ ♄ ☉	16 6	49 5	11	19

(☌) Jupiter is the 5th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2d	day,	8	o'clock,	37	min. Morning.
New Moon,	10th	"	6	"	0	" Morning.
First Quarter,	18th	"	8	"	28	" Morning.
Full Moon,	25th	"	2	"	17	" Morning.
Last Quarter,	31st	"	8	"	58	" Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, rain; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, pleasant; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, clear.

States, where we have many members and but few churches.

Not only our own people in these States call upon us for the gospel, but thousands of others. Have we nothing to do with the conversion of the world? We talk about "material" in this or that place, meaning our own members who have gone there; but *souls* are our material, whether they are in our Church or out of it. Very true, our own people are calling loudly from North, South, East, and West, "Send us ministers;" but to this call must be added also that of the world.

"But Home Missions cost so much money, and take so much time," says some one. Do you not know, that this is so with all great things? The Church, like the oak, is of slow growth, because it will endure forever.

Talk about expense and time! Why shall the Church be stingy in its great work, when the world is so free with its money? The Mont Cenis tunnel through the mountains, separating France and Italy, cost 15 years labor, 1000 lives, and $13,000,000! The Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea, cost an almost countless sum, and was finished only after many years of frequent and serious hindrances. So the Niagara Ship Canal, six miles long, required two years labor, and $15,000,000. So Railroads are built, and other public enterprises.

Why can these earthly interests be so liberally sustained? Because men think it will pay; or else they want to benefit the world with their money. But will not Missions pay? Is it money lost, even as an investment, to Christianize a community? Have Christians so little interest in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the King of kings, that they think too much money is spent on it? The cost of Foreign Missions in the whole world is not more than about $7,000,000 a year. The cost of Home Missions is not much more. Yet men call this much! Does Christianity do less for the world than tunnels, bridges, canals, and railroads?

Our ministers and people need to study this subject carefully; get the facts; enter into the spirit of the work; and pay as well as pray "Thy kingdom come." Until then, by what right do we sing Hymn 146th?

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

In the Heidelberg Catechism the Creed is not on a fly-leaf, nor at the end, nor in some other obscure place, as if we were ashamed of it, or as if it were a worn-out relic; but it is in the very heart of the Catechism, yea, itself its beating heart. So it is put, not in the First Part, to convict us of sin; nor in the Third Part, to teach us how to live; but in the Second Part, to teach us the way of salvation.

ENCOURAGE THEM.

Some parents never have an encouraging word for their children, but rather the reverse. All this has a depressing, dwarfing effect, and destroys self-confidence, without which the young are to be pitied.

Especially should parents beware of discouraging a child in regard to confirmation, the ministry, or any church work or service.

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1874.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R&S h. m.	Moon's Place. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
44] *4th Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 9: 18–26; 1 Cor. 1: 9–14. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 20 *min.*										
Sunday	1	All Saints	John 21: 1–23	11 20	10	♀ sets 7 10	16 6	5 0	5 10	20
Monday	2	Victorinus	1 John 1: 2:	morn.	22	♄ sets 11 24	16 6	5 1	5 9	21
Tuesday	3	Pirminus	" 3:	12 18	4	♀ gr. Brilliancy	16 6	5 3	5 7	22
Wednesday	4	John A. Bengel	" 4:	1 12	16	☿ stationary	16 6	5 4	5 6	23
Thursday	5	Hans Egede	" 5:	2 14	28	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ rises 2 16	16 6	5 5	5 5	24
Friday	6	Gustav. Adolph.	2 John	3 20	10	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 3 52	16 6	5 6	5 4	25
Saturday	7	Willibrord	3 John	4 29	22	☽ in apo. ♉. □ H ☉	16 6	5 7	5 3	26
45] *3d Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 4 *min.*										
Sunday	8	Willehad	Rev. 1:	5 34	4	♄ sets 11 0 [1 31	16 6	5 8	5 2	27
Monday	9	John v. Staupitz	" 2:	☽ sets.	17	9. Aldebaran south	16 6	5 9	5 1	28
Tuesday	10	Martin Luther	" 3:	5 40	0	♂ ☽ ☿ 7* south	16 7	0 5	0	29
Wednesday	11	Martin of Tours	" 4; 5; 6:	6 20	13	♁ rises 2 9 [12 40	16 7	1 4	59	30
Thursday	12	Phil. de Mornay	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	7 10	26	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 6 58 ☋	16 7	3 4	57	31
Friday	13	Arcadius	" 9: 13-10; 11:	8 14	10	♃ rises 3 24	16 7	4 4	56	N
Saturday	14	Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 12: 13:	9 26	23	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior	15 7	5 4	55	2
46] *2d Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 25: 31–46: 2 Thess. 1: 3–10. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 48 *min.*										
Sunday	15	John Kepler	Rev. 14: 1–13	10 36	7	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 10 30	15 7	6 4	54	3
Monday	16	Casp. Creuziger	" 14: 14–20	11 36	21	16th. ♁ rises 2 1	15 7	7 4	53	4
Tuesday	17	Bernward	" 15:	morn.	6	Orion rises 7 52	15 7	8 4	52	5
Wednesday	18	Greg. Illummat.	" 16: 1–8	12 58	20	♀ stationary	15 7	9 4	51	6
Thursday	19	Elizab. of Hesse	" 16: 9–21	2 6	4	Altair sets 10 33	14 7	9 4	51	7
Friday	20	John Williams	" 17:	3 20	18	H stationary	14 7	10 4	50	8
Saturday	21	Columbanus	" 18:	4 34	2	♌. Andromeda so. 8 15	14 7	11 4	49	9
47] *1st Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3: 3–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 36 *min.*										
Sunday	22	John Oecolampadius	Rev. 19: 1–10	5 46	16	☽ in per. ☉ enters ♐	14 7	12 4	48	10
Monday	23	Clemens Roman.	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	☽ rises.	0	23d. ♀ sets 6 22	13 7	13 4	47	11
Tuesday	24	John Knox	" 20: 4–15	5 16	14	♄ sets 9 56	13 7	14 4	46	12
Wednesday	25	Catharine	" 21: 1–8	6 18	27	♃ rises 2 48	13 7	14 4	46	13
Thursday	26	Conrad	" 21: 9–22	7 14	10	Sirius rises 9 24]	12 7	15 4	45	14
Friday	27	Marg't Blaarer	Psalm 96:	8 12	23	♁ rises 1 50	12 7	16 4	44	15
Saturday	28	Alex. Roussell	" 145:	9 16	6	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	12 7	17 4	43	16
48] *1st Sunday in Advent,* Matth. 21: 1–9; Rom. 13: 11–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 26 *min.*										
Sunday	29	Saturninus	John 1: 1–14	10 19	18	♀ sets 5 58	11 7	17 4	43	17
Monday	30	St. Andrew	Gen. 2: 4–25	11 28	0	30th. ♄ sets 9 32	11 7	18 4	42	18

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	9th day,	12 o'clock,	32 min.	Morning.
First Quarter,	16th "	8 "	52 "	Evening.
Full Moon,	23d "	12 "	32 "	Afternoon.
Last Quarter,	30th "	1 "	27 "	Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, pleasant; 4, 5, 6, Indian Summer; 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, cloudy; 19, 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, rain and snow; 27, 28, 29, cold; 30, fair

THE OLD CHURCH PAPERS.

"I had some sad thoughts coming from the store to-night, wife," said farmer Bender. "The things I bought are wrapped up in an old *Messenger* of 1853, no doubt sold for wrapping-paper by people who did not appreciate it."

"Did you not object to it?"

"Yes, but the man said that nine out of ten do not keep their *Messengers*."

"But he did not tell you how many keep their political papers," said Mrs. Bender, with a significant nod of the head.

"Oh, these old church papers have too much history in them, too many sermons, good lessons, useful stories, and sweet poetry to be torn up for waste paper. Ours are sacred to me, having been read by us all, and talked over day by day through the week."

"Yes, and then the children will read them in after years. Nothing can give them a better idea of what the Church was, and was doing—how she was troubled, and how she prospered—than these old *Messengers*."

"They make quite a pile now."

"Yes, and some people say they take up too much room. But if people can stow away old bedsteads, shoes, baskets, and other rubbish, surely there must be room also for the Church paper."

GET your Church paper. Buy Church books. Pay your minister regularly and fully. Hear all his preaching. Do as he tells you.

TOO MUCH FOR ONE DAY.

It may seem strange to hear it said, but we venture to say, that, in many cases, there is too much public service on the Lord's Day. Two sermons, Sunday School (perhaps two sessions), prayer meeting or Bible Class, or both—why, people are away from home almost the entire day. It kills family catechization, Bible-reading, and private meditation and devotion.

INDIAN SUMMER.

A lovely season—hazy, warm, quiet, dreamy, and peculiar, when the trees are in royal dress, and our hearts strangely affected. The cause is a mystery. Two theories are given:

1. Smoke from burning matter. This is reasonable. Indian Summer is much shorter now than thirty or fifty years ago, because so much less land is cleared, and so much less matter burned.

2. The electrical currents do not carry off the lower strata of moist air. Hence the *haze*, produced by light shining through the moist air.

WHAT FOREIGN MISSIONS COST.

For example: the Harpoot Mission in Eastern Turkey, under the care of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions," begun in 1855, and covering a district of 20,000 square miles, costs only $8,000 a year—*less than many a single city church costs.* Many of these mission congregations become self-supporting, and are then left much to their own care.

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1874.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. ☽ 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Tuesday	1 Eligius	Matth. 19: 1–12	morn.	♑ 11	☿ rises 6 29	11	7 19	4 41	19
Wednesday	2 John Ruysbrock	Eph. 5: 22–33	12 26	♑ 23	☿ gr. Elon. West	10	7 19	4 41	20
Thursday	3 Gerhard Groot	1 Cor. 7:	1 30	♒ 5	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 1 40	10	7 20	4 40	21
Friday	4 Gerh. v. Zütphen	Gen. 3:	2 48	♒ 17	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♃	10	7 20	4 40	22
Saturday	5 Crispin	Gen. 8: 15-9: 17	3 59	♓ 0	♓. ♄ sets 9 12	9	7 21	4 49	23

49] *2d Sunday in Advent,* Luke 21: 25–36; Rom. 15: 4–13. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 18 *min.*

Sunday	6 Nicholas	Acts 17: 15–34	5 10	♈ 12	♃ rises 2 26	[10	21	9 7	21 4 49 24
Monday	7 Paulus Odontius	Gen. 15:	6 19	♈ 25	♂ ☽ ☿. Regulus rises	8	7	22 4	48 25
Tuesday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Deuteronomy 5:	☽ sets.	♉ 8	☽. ☿ in ☊. ♂ ☽ ♀	8	7	22 4	48 26
Wednesday	9 Benj. Schmolck	Exodus 12:	5 26	♉ 21	☽. ♂ ♀ ☉ Inferior	7	7	23 4	47 27
Thursday	10 Paul Eber	Deut. 27	6 36	♊ 5	Sirius rises 8 28	☋	7	23 4	47 28
Friday	11 Hen. v. Zütphen	Romans 7:	7 46	♊ 19	Orion rises 6 11		6	23 4	47 29
Saturday	12 Vicelin	Leviticus 16:	8 44	♋ 5	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 8 51		6	24 4	46 30

50] *3d Sunday in Advent,* Matth. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 12 *min.*

Sunday	13 Odilia	Is. 40: John 5:	9 43	♋ 19	♄ rises 1 28		5	24 4	46 D
Monday	14 Dioscorus	1 Pet. 1: 3–12	10 44	♌ 3	Aldebaran south 11 12		5	25 4	45 2
Tuesday	15 Christiana	2 Samuel 7:	11 46	♌ 16	♂ ♄ ♃. ♃ rises 1 50		5	25 4	45 3
Wednesday	16 *Ember Day*	Joel 3:	morn.	♌ 0	16. Rigel so. 11 33		4	25 4	45 4
Thursday	17 Sturm	Jeremiah 23:	12 56	♌ 14	Regulus rises 9 52		4	25 4	45 5
Friday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	" 31:	2 16	♌ 28	♂ ☿ ♀. Sirius rises 7 51		3	25 4	45 6
Saturday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	Isaiah 52: 13–53:	3 34	♍ 12	☊. ♄ sets 8 28		3	25 4	45 7

51] *4th Sunday in Advent,* John 1: 19–31; Phil. 4: 4–7. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	20 Abraham	John 3: 23–36:	4 46	♍ 26	☽ in per. ♃ rises 1 25		2	25 4	45 8
Monday	21 Thomas	Isaiah 42:	5 59	♎ 9	☉ enters ♎. Shortest Day.		2	26 4	44 9
Tuesday	22 Hugh McKail	" 55:	☽ rises.	♎ 21	22d. Winter Com.		1	25 4	45 10
Wednesday	23 Anna du Bourg	" 58:	5 22	♏ 5	♄ rises 1 4		1	25 4	45 11
Thursday	24 Adam and Eve	" 11: 1–10	6 23	♏ 18	Altair sets 8 0	sun.	7	25 4	45 12
Friday	25 *Christmas*	Isaiah 9: 2–7: Heb 1:	7 20	♐ 1	♄ sets 8 4	s'w	7	25 4	45 13
Saturday	26 Stephen	Psalm 2: 1–10:	8 10	♐ 14	♀ rises 5 44 Morn. Star		1	25 4	45 14

52] *Sunday after Christmas,* Matth. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–7. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	27 St. John Evang.	Rom. 5: Col. 1:	8 55	♐ 26	Arietis south 7 36		1	25 4	45 15
Monday	28 Innocents	Isaiah 41; 49	9 46	♑ 7	♀ stationary		2	25 4	45 16
Tuesday	29 David	Romans 8:	10 48	♑ 19	♃ rises 12 45		2	24 4	46 17
Wednesday	30 Christ'n of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1–6	11 49	♒ 1	30th. ♄ rises 12 56		3	24 4	46 18
Thursday	31 John Wicliff	Psalm 90: 103:	morn.	♒ 13	☉ in Perigee		3	24 4	46 19

(♀) Venus is the 9th Inferior conjunction with the Sun. Passes from Evening Star to Morning Star.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	8th day,	7 o'clock,	5 min.	Evening.
First Quarter,	16th "	7 "	23 "	Morning.
Full Moon,	22d "	11 "	55 "	Evening.
Last Quarter,	30th "	9 "	34 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, mild; 4, 5, variable; 6, cloudy; 7, 8, 9, rain and snow; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, clear, cold; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, rain and snow; 24, 25, 26, clear, cold; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, variable, with snow; 30, 31, mild weather.

CHRISTMAS.

Let us with grateful and joyful hearts hear anew the glad tidings of the angel: "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord;" and with all God's people join anew in the sweet song of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." With the wise men, too, let us worship and bow down before our Lord, bringing suitable offerings of devotion, praise, and adoration.

IT IS SPREADING.

Christmas used to be observed only by Reformed people, Lutherans, Episcopalians, and a few others; but of late years the Christmas spirit has crept into almost all the Protestant Churches—first into the Sunday School, and then into the congregation. Christmas gifts, trees, sermons, and even decorations are now very common among those who, a few years ago, were either silent on the subject, or else bitterly opposed it as Romish. They now have come to see that it is wholesome, fitting, and *Christian*.

SOME went out while the deacons lifted the alms. "That is right," said the minister; "those who have no money need not wait for the basket." No more went out.

WHEN you move to a new home, find your church at once, instead of waiting till the church finds you.

ADVENT.

The Church Year begins with the First Advent, and ends with the Second Advent. The second, like the first, is an article of faith and hope. "From thence He shall come again to judge the quick and the dead."

MAKING TOO MUCH OF CHRISTMAS.

Can it be done? Oh, yes; but the danger lies not on the side of Church-service, but of world-service. No danger we shall sing, pray, preach, or meditate too much about the coming of our blessed Saviour in the flesh; but there is actual danger that we may eat and drink too much, be too much engaged with the lower Christmas pleasures of home and friends, that we may give too many gifts to each other, and too few to Christ and His poor!

Beware of this danger. There is much Christmas festivity and joy with no Christ in it. Let not our Church-service be pushed aside by world-service. We have souls as well as bodies, and our Christmas must have worship in it as well as social engagements.

"WHAT a pity men should die!" said a man who had just built a fine new house. But rather, what a pity, if we had always to stay in such poor, perishing tabernacles like these!

LOOK over the list of books published by our Board of Publication, and then ask your pastor to send for what you ne

SYNOD OF OHIO OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The following table, exhibiting the time and place of the meetings of the Synod of Ohio, the names of its officers, and the number of Communicants in union with the Reformed Church within its bounds, was carefully prepared by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, Miamisburg, Ohio. As the statistics for some years are somewhat imperfect, this table may not, in every particular, be entirely correct, but it is sufficiently so for all practical purposes, and will be valuable for reference.

TIME OF MEETING.	PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	COR. SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	COMMUNICANTS.
1824, June 14	New Philadelphia, O.	Rev. J. P. Mahnenschmidt	Rev. Henry Sonnedecker		Rev. George Weisz	2,757
1825, May 29	Germantown, O.	" Thomas Winters	" Jacob Descombes		" " "	2,649
1826, May 21	Lancaster, O.	" George Weisz	" Thomas Winters		" " "	2,754
1827, June 11	Germantown, O.	" " "	" Jacob Descombes		" " "	2,900
1828, June 1	Canton, O.	" Thomas Winters	" John W. Hamm		" " "	3,100
1829, June 14	Adelphi, O.	" George Weisz	" David Long		" " "	3,220
1830, June 6	Miamisburg, O.	" Henry Dieffenbach	Rev. David Winters	Rev. David Winters	" " "	3,307
1831, May 22	Uniontown, O.	" John W. Hamm	" Philip Zeiser	" " "	" " "	3,524
1832, June 9	Lancaster, O.	" Thomas Winters	" John Pence	" " "	" " "	4,162
1833, May 26	Xenia, O.	" George Weisz	" Jacob Descombes	" " "	" " "	4,061
1834, May 18	Canton, O.	" David Winters	" Philip Zeiser	" Jacob Descombes	" " "	4,656
1835, June 7	Tarlton, O.	" " "	" John Pence	" John W. Hamm	" " "	5,042
1836, May 22	Xenia, O.	" John Pence	" Gerhard H. Zumpe	" Jacob Descombes	" " "	5,200
1837, May 14	Osnaburg, O.	" Lebrecht L. Hinsch	" George Schlosser	" John W. Hamm	" " "	5,758
1838, June 17	Wooster, O.	" George Weisz	" Dr. J. G. Buettner	" Nicholas P. Hacke	" " "	8,827
1839, June 2	Lancaster, O.	" Thomas Winters	" C. H. A. Allardt	" Dr. J. G. Buettner	Mr. John U. Giesy	9,012
1840,	DISTRICT SYNODS MET.					9,150
1841,	DISTRICT SYNODS MET.					9,340
1842, October 1	Canton, O.	" David Winters	" Nicholas P. Hacke	" George Long	" " "	9,630
1843, October 7	Wooster, O.	" George Weisz	" William Conrad	" Henry Williard	" " "	10,020
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1844, September 6	Greensburg, Pa.	" David Kæmmerer	Rev. George Schlosser	" David Winters	" " "	10,832
1845, April 15	Xenia, O.	" Samuel B. Leiter	" " "	" Thomas H. Winters	" Jacob Coblentz, M.D.	11,570
1846, August 24	Columbus, O.	" William Conrad	" " "	" Henry Williard	" John Williard	11,808
1847, September 2	Carrollton, O.	" Samuel Miller	" " "	" Jeremiah H. Good	" " "	11,951
1848, August 18	Cincinnati, O.	" Andrew P. Freese	" " "	" " " "	" " "	11,120
1849, October 4	Tiffin, O.	" David Winters	" Jeremiah H. Good	" Jesse Steiner	Rev. Jeremiah H. Good	11,136
1850, April 18	Tarlton, O.	" Hiram Shaull, *pro tem*	" " " "	" " "	" " " "	(Special Meeting)
1850, September 26	Navarre, O.	" Emanuel V. Gerhart	" " " "	" " "	" " " "	11,209
1850, December 14	Tiffin, O.	" " " "	" " " "	" " "	" " " "	(Special Meeting)
1851, September 25	Miamisburg, O.	" George W. Williard	" " " "	" Robert R. Salters	Mr. William Hoff	11,615
1852, August 12	Wooster, O.	" David Winters	" " " "	" Jesse Steiner	" " "	15,797
1853, September 29	Nerlah, Mich.	" George Long	" " " "	" Israel S. Weisz	Rev. Israel S. Weisz	16,037
1854, May 25	Greensburg, Pa.	" Nicholas P. Hacke	" George W. Williard	" " " "	" " " "	16,608
1854, December 5	Delaware, O.	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	(Special Meeting)
1855, May 30	Xenia, O.	" William K. Zieber	" " " "	" Jesse Steiner	" " "	17,140
1856, May 14	Tiffin, O.	" Lawrence D. Leberman	" " " "	" Isaac H. Reiter	" Isaac H. Reiter	17,456
1857, May 20	Carrollton, O.	" Moses Kieffer	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	17,845
1858, May 19	Fort Wayne, Ind.	" Herman Rust	" " " "	" George B. Russell	" " " "	15,028
1859, May 18	Fairfield, O.	" Jeremiah Heller	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	17,209
1860, May 30	Akron, O.	" Jeremiah H. Good	" " " "	" John G. Zahner	" " " "	18,377
1861, May 29	Delaware, O.	" David Winters	" " " "	" George B. Russell	" " " "	20,921
1862, May 21	Dayton, O.	" George B. Russell	" " " "	" Samuel Mease	" " " "	21,311
1863, May 27	Tiffin, O.	" Herman Rust	" " " "	" Peter C. Prugh	" " " "	21,394
1864, May 25	Canton, O.	" John Vogt	" " " "	" George H. Johnston	" " " "	23,723
1865, May 31	Miamisburg, O.	" Joshua Riale	" " " "	" Peter C. Prugh	" " " "	23,000
1866, May 23	Galion, O.	" Joshua H. Derr	" " " "	" Eli Keller	" " " "	23,892
1867, May 22	Fairfield, O.	" Samuel B. Leiter	" " " "	" Peter C. Prugh	" " " "	17,444
1868, June 3	Shelby, O.	" Isaac H. Reiter	" " " "	" George Z. Mechling	" Jer. H. Good, D.D.	17,426
1869, May 21	Delaware, O.	" Samuel Mease	" Theodore P. Bucher	" Wm. McCaughey	" " " "	17,883
1869, November 18	Dayton, O.	" " "	" " " "	" " "	" " " "	(Special Meeting)
1870, June 30	Tiffin, O.	" Reuben Good	" Isaac H. Reiter	" Peter C. Prugh	" " " "	16,013
1871, May 17	Fairfield, O.	" Peter C. Prugh	" " " "	" David Van Horne	" " " "	17,133
1872, May 1	Canton, O.	" Henry Williard	" " " "	" Lewis H. Kefauver	" " " "	17,461
1873, May 14	Shelbyville, Ill.	" Nathaniel H. Looso	" " " "	" " "	" " " "	17,741

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. The Synod of Ohio, by an arrangement adopted in 1839, divided itself into three District Synods, and constituted itself a *General* Synod to meet every third year. Hence, as will be seen, it held no meetings in 1840 and 1841; but the District Synods, which convened annually, did meet in these years. This whole arrangement was abolished in 1842, and the system of dividing the Synod into Classes was adopted, and continued to the present time.

2 The Ohio Synod, since its organization in 1824, convened four times in special sessions, namely:—April 18, 1850; December 14, 1850; December 5, 1854; and November 18, 1869.

3. The official title of the Stated Clerk was that of *Secretary* from 1824 to 1829 inclusive, and from 1830 until 1844, that of *Recording Secretary*. In 1844 it was changed to that of *Stated Clerk*. There was no *Corresponding Secretary* elected until in 1830.

4. The *apparent* discrepancy, or abrupt diminution in communicants in the years 1858, 1867 and 1870, is owing to the fact that Clarion Classis in 1857, and Westmoreland Classis in 1869, were dismissed respectively to the Synod in the United States and to the Pittsburg Synod; and in 1867 the Northwestern Synod was organized out of the Classes of St. Joseph, Indiana, Sheboygan, Heidelberg and Erie, previously belonging to the Synod of Ohio.

5. The communicants of the German Independent Synod, existing from 1846 to 1852, a period of six years, are included in these statistics for those years.

NORTHWESTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

TIME OF MEETING.	PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	STATED CLERK.	COR. SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	COMMUNICANTS.
1867, May 29	Fort Wayne, Ind	Rev. Max Stern, D.D	Rev. John H. Klein		Mr. John W. Brown	7,736
1868, May 14	Indianapolis, Ind	" " " "	" " " "	Rev. William H. Fenneman	" " " "	7,512
1869, May 20	Howard Gr've, Sheboygan	" " " "	" " " "	" Peter Greding	" " " "	8,188
1869, November 23	Crestline, Ohio	" " " "	" " " "	" " "	" " " "	(Special Meeting)
1870, June 9	Chicago, Ill	" Peter Greding	" Charles Schaff	" Dr. James Bossard	" " " "	8,552
1871, June 1	Cleveland, O	" John H. Klein	" " "	" Henry A. Mühlmeier	" " " "	9,167
1872, May 23	Galion, O	" " "	" " "	" Eli Keller	" " " "	10,070
1873, June 5	Indianapolis, Ind	Rev. Henry A. Mühlmeier	" " "	" M. G. I. Stern	" " " "	10,925

PITTSBURG SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	STATED CLERK.	COR. SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	COMMUNICANTS.
1870, February 11.*.....Pittsburg, Pa	Rev. F. K. Levan	Rev. W. E. Krebs	Rev. J. G. Shoemaker	Mr. W. E. Schmertz	7,142
1870, November 2.....Buffalo, N. Y	" D. Willers, D.D	" " " "	" " "	" " "	7,773
1871, October 18.....Greensburg, Pa	" J. G. Shoemaker	" " " "	" C. R. Dieffenbacher	" " "	8,065
1872, October 10.....Greenville, Pa	" William Rupp	" J. A. Hoffheins	" L. B. Leasure	" " "	8,158

* Preliminary Meeting.

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	STATED CLERK.	COR. SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	COMMUNICANTS.	MEMBERS.
1863, November 18.....Pittsburg, Pa	Rev. J. W. Nevin, D.D	Rev. I. H. Reiter	Rev. G. W. Williard, D.D.	John Wiest	89,115	107.394
1866, November 28.....Dayton, O	" Daniel Zacharias, D.D	" " "	" Geo. B. Russell	"	91,547	109 925
1869, November 24.....Philadelphia, Pa	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D	" " "	" J. O. Miller	Wm. D. Gross	96,725	117,910
1872, November 27.....Cincinnati, O	" John H. Klein	" " "	" D. E. Kopp	" " "	109.507	130,299

MEETING OF THE CLASSES

Of the Synod of the United States, the Synod of Pittsburg, and the Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
East Pennsylvania	Nazareth, Pa	May 12th, 1874.
Lebanon	Pine Grove, Pa	May 26th, 1874.
Philadelphia	St. Matthew's Church, Pa	June 7th, 1874.
Goshenhoppen	Amityville, Pa	May 7th, 1874.
New York	Breslau, Long Island	May 26th, 1874.
Lancaster	New Providence, Pa	May 28th, 1874.
East Susquehanna	Uniontown, Pa	May 7th, 1874.
West Susquehanna	Boalsburg, Pa	May 20th, 1874.
Philadelphia (German)	Zion's Church, Philadelphia	September 15th, 1874.
Trinity	About organizing	
Westmoreland	Pleasant Unity, Pa	June 4th, 1874.
Clarion	Petersburg, Pa	May 21st, 1874.
St. Paul's	Shenango Charge, Pa	May 28th, 1874.
West New York		
Allegheny	Wilkensburg, Pa	May 15th, 1874.
Somerset	Cumberland, Md	May 28th, 1874.
Zion's	Abbotstown, Pa	May 15th, 1874.
Maryland	Manchester, Md	June 4th, 1874.
Mercersburg	Everett, Pa	June 4th, 1874.
Virginia	St. John's Church, Augusta Co., Va	May 5th, 1874.
North Carolina	Lower Stone Church, N. C	May 7th, 1874.

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
English—			
Reformed Church Messenger	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Weekly	1827.
Christian World	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio	"	1848.
Reformed Missionary	Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa	Monthly	1860.
The Guardian	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	"	1850.
Child's Treasury	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1859.
Mercersburg Review	" " " "	Quarterly	1849.
Our Church Paper	84 Third Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa	Every other week	1873.
Reformed Church Herald	Bethlehem, Pa	Monthly	1873.
College Days	Lancaster, Pa	"	1873.
Heidelberg Teacher	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio	"	1873.
Leaves of Light	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1873.
German—			
Reformirte Kirchenzeitung	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Weekly	1838.
Der Evangelist	Cleveland, Ohio	"	1856.
Reformirte Hausfreund	Reading, Pa	Every other week	1866.
Der Lummerhirte	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Monthly	1859.
Morgen-Stern	Cleveland, Ohio	"	1863.

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENTS.
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster, Pa	JOHN W. NEVIN, D.D.
Heidelberg College	Tiffin, Ohio	GEO. W. WILLIARD, D.D.
Catawba College	Newtown, N. C	Rev. J. C. CLAPP, A.M.
Mercersburg College	Mercersburg, Pa	E. E. HIGBEE, D.D.
Clarion Collegiate Institute	Rimersburg, Clarion County, Pa	Rev. J. J. PENNEPACKER, A.M.
Palatinate College	Meyerstown, Lebanon County, Pa	Rev. G. W. AUGHINBAUGH, D.D.
Juniata Collegiate Institute	Martinsburg, Pa	Rev. LUCIAN CORT, A.M.
Ursinus College	Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pa	J. H. A. BOMBERGER, D.D.
Calvin Institute	Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. F. FORWICK.
Blairstown Academy	Blairstown, Benton County, Iowa	
Shelby College	Shelbyville, Illinois	Rev. S. P. MEYERS.
Eastern Theological Seminary	Lancaster, Pa	E. V. GERHART, D.D
Western Theological Seminary	Tiffin, Ohio	J. H. GOOD, D.D.
Mission House	Howard's Grove, Wisconsin	J. BOSSARD, D.D.
Allentown Female College	Allentown, Pa	Rev. W. R. HOFFORD, A.M.
St. John's Select School	Knoxville, Md	Rev. G. L. STALEY, D.D.

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa	Rev. D. B. ALBRIGHT	95
Butler, Butler County, Pa	Rev. J. B. THOMPSON	45

DEATH OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1872, TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1873.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
Henry Wiegand	1841	1841	White Pigeon, Mich	October 20th, 1872	63
Jacob Mayer	1822	1822	Lock Haven, Pa	October 29th, 1872	75
Augustus L. Herman	1832		Reading, Pa	December 31st, 1872	65
John Lantz	1837	1838	Taneytown, Md	January 26th, 1873	62
William A. Good	1832	1833	Reading, Pa	February 9th, 1873	63
Isaac Shellhammer	1827		Conyngham, Pa	February 22d, 1873	72
Daniel Zacharias, D.D	1828	1828	Frederick, Md	March 31st, 1873	68
Conrad Saure	1856	1858	Cincinnati, O	May 21st, 1873	53
Peter S. Fisher	1825	1826	Sellersville, Pa	May 22d, 1873	69
Theobald Fouse	1842	1842	Woodcock Valley, Pa	Aug. 22d, 1873	71
John William Hoffmeier	1833	1833	Manchester, Md	Aug. 30th, 1873	66

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

This Society is by far the oldest of the benevolent institutions of the Reformed Church in this country. It was incorporated in the year 1810, by a charter from the State of Pennsylvania, but it was in actual operation long before. As early as the year 1790, the records state, that "the members of Synod several years before did covenant and agree to pay the Treasurer forty shillings each year" for what was called the "Widows' Fund." Official documents also show, that the Synod kept up such a fund for many years before, probably from the beginning of our history as a Church in this country. Before the Revolution, the Synods of North and South Holland, which superintended the affairs of our churches, frequently sent contributions, called "gifts of love," to the Widows' Fund, with the understanding, that it should be increased by free gifts from our own congregations.

The moneys thus received, were generally paid out to the widows of deceased ministers, as circumstances seemed to require; and no attempt was made to create a permanent fund to meet the increasing wants of the Church in this direction, until a comparatively recent period.

Within the last fifteen or twenty years, under judicious management, its funds have been steadily increasing, and the sphere of its beneficence enlarged. By a change in its charter it now assists disabled ministers, no less than the widows of those deceased. At present two disabled ministers and eight widows of deceased ministers receive a yearly appropriation of $50 each. The invested fund now amounts to $11,870. Five years ago it was only $6,400.

The Society presents at each annual meeting of the Eastern Synod, a statement of its affairs, which is then incorporated in the Synodical Minutes. For several years past the Synod has requested its congregations to lift a collection for the Society in the month of June. Last year only about fifty charges did so.

The funds of the Society are increased, therefore, from four sources:—"initiation fees; annual fees; the above named collections; and the interest of the invested funds."

The initiation fee is $5.00; the yearly dues are $3.00; a life-membership costs $65.00.

Copies of Charter and By-Laws will be cheerfully furnished by the Treasurer, Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

THE WOMELSDORF ORPHAN HOME.

Its corporate title is "The Orphans' Home of the Shepherd of Lambs." It was founded and opened by Rev. Emanuel T. C. Bœringer, September 21st, 1863, with one orphan, and a treasury of $21.50. In four months it had twelve inmates.

In July, 1864, a larger house having been bought, it was removed to Bridesburg, Pa., with thirty inmates. In October Rev. Bœringer died, and for two years Rev. John Gantenbein was Superintendent. After him, for two years, Rev. D.Y. Heisler.

In November, 1867, the Home was removed to Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., a more healthy and accessible location, where the Board of Managers purchased 27 acres of ground, on which is a brick building 120 feet by 50, having 60 rooms, besides the atttic. Some time after its removal, the Rev. D. B. Albright succeeded Mr. Heisler, as Superintendent.

This cost $33,000. Add interest and the cost of repairs, and the amount is $40,000, all of which was paid by July, 1871 (besides $40,000 more for the daily *support* of the Home)!

The Home is under a Board of thirteen Managers, who elect the Superintendent. The children are instructed in German and English, and receive a good English education as well as thorough Christian indoctrination. The Board has control of girls to eighteen, and boys to twenty-one. Often they are put out into Christian families, to trades or work, but provision is made for their education and Christian instruction.

One hundred children are now in the Home. It costs something over $10,000 a year to feed and clothe them. The farm itself yields almost $1,000. Are you doing what you should to support the Home?

The Home has had one trouble of late years, namely, to furnish work enough for its boys, who are now growing up. They need to be trained to industry as well as to prayer. Accordingly the Board of Managers lately bought a farm of about sixty acres, beside the Home, at a cost of about $11,000. They had no money; but they are sure the Church, seeing that this was necessary, will pay for the farm as she cheerfully paid for the Home. Send in your help promptly.

HOW OUR OLD MINISTERS WERE EDUCATED.

The Eastern Theological Seminary was not founded until 1825. Before that time, and even in part for some years after, young men were educated for the ministry in the families of ministers, who, besides this, had the care of several large congregations.

In this way, Rev. Dr. C. L. Becker, of Baltimore, educated his son, J. C. Becker, James Reily, William Dechant, Philip Mayer, Jacob Geiger, Nicholas P. Hacke, Henry Habliston, and others.

Rev. Dr. Samuel Helffenstein educated his own sons, besides Isaac Gerhart, J. Wm. Hamm, Martin Brunner, Jacob Meyer and Henry Gerhart.

Under Rev. Dr. Jacob C. Becker were educated his two sons, Charles and Cyrus, H. Koch, Simon Riegel, Diedrich Willers, Samuel Hess and others.

So Dr. F. L. Herman educated his sons for the ministry, P. S. Fisher, J. C. Guldin, R. S. Schneck, and others.

The ministers educated in this private way were generally men of great endurance and perseverance. Most of them have been very successful in their sacred work.

Now such private instruction is seldom necessary, as we have several Theological Seminaries.

The Article on "Excuses for Neglecting the Lord's Table" in last year's Almanac should have been credited to the London Tract Society.

ALPHABETICAL REGISTER OF THE MINISTERS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

Abbott, G.N., Prof., Mercersb'g, Frankl'n Co., Pa.
Accola, O. J., Dayton, Ohio.
Addams, Geo. E., Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
Albright, D. B., Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
Albright, G. M., New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., O.
Alspach, J. W., Shanksville, Somerset Co., Pa.
Appel, Dr. Theodore, Prof., Lancaster, Pa.
Appel, R. S., Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.
Apple, J. H., Saegertown, Crawford Co., Pa.
Apple, Dr. T. G., Prof., Lancaster, Pa.
Arduesser, John, Linton, Greene Co., Ind.
Ashenfelter, O. L., Bridgeport, N. J.
Aughinbaugh, Dr. G.W., Meyerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.
Ault, J., Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
Aurand, Henry, Warren, Joe Davis Co., Ill.

Bacher, T. J, Fremont, Ohio.
Bachman, John, Egg Harbor City, N. J.
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Bahner, F. F., Milton, Pa.
Bair, H., Waterloo, De Kalb Co., Ind.
Bank, C., New Brunswick, N. J.
Barkley, T. J., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Barth, S., Indianapolis, Ind.
Bartholomew, A., Lehighton, Carbon Co, Pa.
Bassler, H. S., Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Baum, C., Fort Wayne, Ind.
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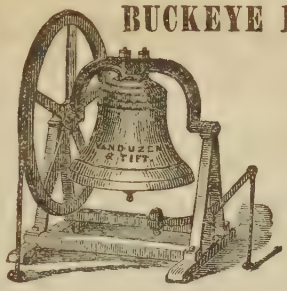

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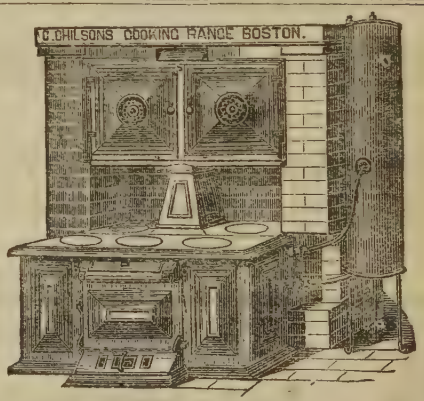

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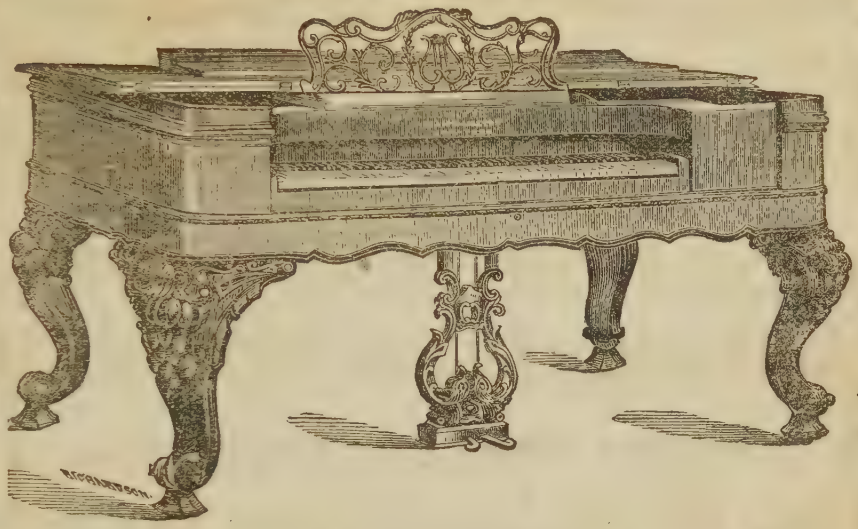

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CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

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The Jewish Era commences with their 5636 year, the 30th of September, 1875.
The Mohamedan Era commences with their 1292 year, the 7th of February, 1875.

MOVEABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Jan. 24.	Palm Sunday, March 21.	Trinity Sunday, May 23.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 7	Easter Sunday, March 28.	Corpus Christi, May 27.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 9	Ascension Day, May 6.	First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28.
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10.	Whit Sunday, May 16.	Sundays after Trinity are 26.

EMBER DAYS.

February 17. May 19. September 15. December 15.

THE FOUR SEASONS.

Vernal Equinox,	☉ enters	♈	March 20th,	7	o'clock,	16	min. Evening.
Summer Solstice,	" "	♋	June 21st,	4	"	21	" Afternoon.
Autumnal Equinox,	" "	♎	Sept. 23d,	6	"	35	" Morning.
Winter Solstice,	" "	♑	Dec. 22d,	12	"	12	" Morning.

(♃) Jupiter is called the Governing Planet.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1875.

There will be two Eclipses this year, both of the Sun.

The first is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, April 6th, 1 o'clock, 30 min. in the morning, therefore invisible here; visible in Africa, Asia, and Indian Ocean.

The second is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun—September 29th, 6 o'clock, 15 min. in the morning, visible. The Sun rises eclipsed, and ends at 7 o'clock, 11 min. in the morning. At Boston the Sun will be annularly eclipsed.

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JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 *New Year.*	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	12 44	5	☽ ☌ ♃. ♄. ☽ in apo. ☊.	4 7	23	4 37	9 23
Saturday	2 Martyrs H Scrip.	Phil. 2: 1–11	1 49	7	♃ rises 12 36 [♋	4 7	23	4 37	10 12
1] *Sunday after New Year,*		Luke 2: 33–40; Rom. 6: 12–18.			*Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 14 *min.*				
Sunday	3 Gordius	John 1: 29–34	2 59	19	♄ rises 12 40	5 7	23	4 37	11 6
Monday	4 Titus	" 1: 38–51	4 19	2	☌ ☽ ☿. ☿ rises 4 46	5 7	22	4 38	11 48
Tuesday	5 Simeon	" 2:	5 10	16	Sirius south 11 32	6 7	22	4 38	12 30
Wednesday	6 *Epiphany.*	" 3:	6 19	0	Orion so. 10 38 ♒	6 7	21	4 39	1 12
Thursday	7 Widukind	" 4: ☽ sets.		14	7th. ☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ ris.	7 7	20	4 40	1 54
Friday	8 Severinus	" 5:	5 50	29	Neptune sta'ry. [12 18	7 7	20	4 40	2 42
Saturday	9 Catharine Zell	" 6: 1–25	6 59	13	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 6 49	7 7	19	4 41	3 30
2] *1st Sunday after Epiphany,*		Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5.			*Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 22 *min.*				
Sunday	10 Paul of Thebes	John 6: 26–71	8 8	28	☿ in Peribelion	8 7	19	4 41	4 18
Monday	11 Fructuosus	" 7:	9 22	13	☿ rises 4 28	8 7	18	4 42	5 8
Tuesday	12 Jean Chastellian	" 8: 1–20	10 36	27	Rigel south 9 34	9 7	18	4 42	5 48
Wednesday	13 Hilary	" 8: 21–50	11 44	12	☿ gr. brilliancy	9 7	17	4 43	6 32
Thursday	14 Felix	" 9:	morn.	26	14th. ☊. 7* so. 8 0	9 7	17	4 43	7 30
Friday	15 John de Laski	" 10: 1–21	12 55	10	☌ ☿ ☉ Superior	10 7	16	4 44	8 16
Saturday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 10: 22–42	2 5	23	♄ rises 12 26	10 7	15	4 45	9 4
3] *2d Sunday after Epiphany,*		John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16.			*Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 32 *min.*				
Sunday	17 Anthony	Mark 1: 1-20	3 12	6	☽ in per. ♃ sets 11 50	11 7	14	4 46	9 48
Monday	18 John Blackader	" 1: 21-45	4 21	19	□ Neptune ☉	11 7	13	4 47	10 36
Tuesday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 2:	5 26	2	☿ rises 4 9 ♋	11 7	12	4 48	11 31
Wednesday	20 Fabian	" 3: 1-19	6 27	15	□ ♃ ☉. ☉ ent. ♒	11 7	11	4 49	12 29
Thursday	21 Agnes	" 3: 20-35	☽ rises.	27	21st. ☿ gr. Hel.	12 7	11	4 49	1 28
Friday	22 Vincent	" 4:	5 55	9	♄ sets 6 8 [Lat. S.	12 7	10	4 50	2 18
Saturday	23 Isaiah	" 5: 6: 1-6	6 46	21	♄ rises 12 18	12 7	9	4 51	3 10
4] *Septuagesima Sunday,*		Matth. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–27.			*Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 44 *min.*				
Sunday	24 Timothy	Mark 6: 7-29	7 33	3	Spica rises 11 25	12 7	8	4 52	3 54
Monday	25 *Paul's Convers.*	" 6: 30-56	8 30	15	Sirius south 10 10	13 7	7	4 53	4 42
Tuesday	26 Polycarp	" 7: 1-23	9 28	27	☿ rises 3 58	13 7	6	4 54	5 31
Wednesday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 7: 24-37	10 26	9	☌ ☿ ♄. Capella s. 8 28	13 7	5	4 55	6 19
Thursday	28 Charlemagne	" 8:	11 25	21	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ ri. 11 21	13 7	4	4 56	7 9
Friday	29 Juventin	" 9:	morn.	3	29th. ☉ in apo. ♍	14 7	3	4 57	7 52
Saturday	30 Henry Müller	" 10: 1-31	12 24	15	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 12 9	14 7	2	4 58	8 36
5] *Sexagesima Sunday,*		Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 19–12: 9.			*Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 58 *min.*				
Sunday	31 Hans Sachs	Matth. 3:	1 28	27	Orion south 8 50	14 7	1	4 59	9 18

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	7th day,	12 o'clock,	8 min.	Afternoon.
First Quarter,	14th "	4 "	22 "	Evening.
Full Moon,	21st "	12 "	40 "	Afternoon.
Last Quarter,	29th "	7 "	33 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, snow; 9, 10, 11, cold, stormy; 12, 13, 14, coldest days; 15, 16, moderate; 17, 18, N. W. cold; 19, 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, 24, moderate; 25, 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, snow; 30, 31, rain and snow.

MONICA, the mother of Augustine, stands on the sea shore, and sadly watches the departing ship, in which her reckless son has stolen away.

NEW YEAR QUESTIONS.

1. What use have I made the past year of all my many and rich Church privileges?

2. What account can I render of all the sermons, lectures, talks, and lessons of the past year?

3. What definite work have I done for the Saviour?

4. What changes shall I make for the new year? How can I better serve the cause of Christ?

5. What especially does God expect of me through this year?

OUR SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

This year our Church is celebrating the Semi-Centennial of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. The Seminary was opened at Carlisle, Pa., March 11th, 1825, and hence is fifty years old. An outline of its history was given in the Almanac for 1873; and we here only compare what the Seminary now is with what it was fifty years ago.

It opened with five students; no endowment: no buildings; one Professor, and was for many years poorly and irregularly supported by collections in the congregations. Now it has an endowment of about $70,000; two Professors' houses; three Professors; thirty-four students; five acres of land; and half enough money for the erection of a Seminary building. Since 1827, when the first class graduated, three hundred and twelve have been prepared for the ministry in the Seminary.

During the Semi-Centennial year, our people should cheerfully and gratefully give the theological Seminary at Lancaster a full endowment, and also money enough for the erection of suitable buildings. It is now accommodated in the rooms of Franklin and Marshall College; but surely it should not long go begging before the Church for its own house. From the Seminary came your ministers.

OUR ASTRONOMER.

The astronomical calculations for this Almanac are made by Mr. Lawrence J. Ibach, of Sheridan, Lebanon Co., Pa. Some facts in his history will doubtless be of interest to our readers.

He is a blacksmith; aged fifty-eight; was born in Allentown, Pa., but has spent the last twenty years in Lebanon County; is entirely a self-made man; speaks English, German, French, and Spanish; for forty years has made astronomy a special study; spends half the day at his trade, and the rest at astronomy; furnishes the astronomical calculations for a dozen Almanacs besides our own; corresponds with the leading astronomers of America; and is about to publish a new work on astronomy. Truly he may be called a learned blacksmith. This shows what energy, with application and perseverance can do. Such a history is worth knowing and imitating. Many a young man might become learned and useful; if he would but wisely use his leisure hours. Knowledge comes not of itself, yet richly repays its cost.

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Ignatius	Matt. 4: 1-22	2 40	♑ 11	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	♒ 1 46	5 9	5	1 10 2
Tuesday	2 *Candle Mass*	" 4: 23-5: 1-12	3 59	♑ 25	☿ H ☉. ♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ r. 3 57	1 46	5 8	5	2 10 44
Wednesday	3 Ansgar	" 5: 13-32	4 54	♒ 9	♃ rises 11 10 [	♒ 1 46	5 7	5	3 11 32
Thursday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 5: 32-48	5 49	♒ 23	Sirius south 9 27	1 46	5 6	5	4 12 16
Friday	5 P. S. Spener	" 6:	6 47	♓ 8	☽ ♄ ☉. Orion south 8 32	1 46	5 5	5	5 12 59
Saturday	6 Amandus	" 7:	☽ sets.	♓ 23	☾ 6. ♂ ☽ ♄. 7* s. 6 24	1 46	5 4	5	6 1 57

6] *Quinquagesima Sunday,* Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–13. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 14 *min.*

Sunday	7 George Wagner	Luke 3:	6 58	♈ 8	♂ ☽ ☿. ♄ rises 11 54	1 46	5 3	5	7 2 45
Monday	8 Maria Andrea	" 4:	8 10	♈ 23	Arctur rises 7 36	1 56	5 2	5	8 3 34
Tuesday	9 *Shrove Tuesday*	" 5:	9 25	♉ 8	☿ in ♌. Antares ri. 3 25	1 56	5 1	5	9 4 22
Wednesday	10 *Ash Wednesday*	" 6: 1-19	10 40	♉ 22	☽ in Per. ♌. ♃ ri. 10 58	1 56	4 9	5	11 5 10
Thursday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 6: 20-49	11 51	♊ 7	♀ rises 3 55	1 56	4 8	5	12 5 55
Friday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 7:	morn.	♊ 21	☾ ☿ sets 6 12	1 56	4 7	5	13 6 42
Saturday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 8:	12 49	♋ 5	13. ☿ gr. Elon. E	1 56	4 6	5	14 7 33

7] 1*st Sunday in Lent,* Matthew 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 32 *min.*

Sunday	14 Brun of Querfurt	Luke 9: 1-36	1 54	♋ 19	☿ in Perihelion	♒ 1 46	4 4	5	16 8 22
Monday	15 Jacob von Loh	" 9: 37-62	3 6	♌ 3	♃ stationary	♒ 1 46	4 3	5	17 9 12
Tuesday	16 Matth. Desübas	" 10:	4 12	♌ 17	♄ rises 11 41	1 46	4 2	5	18 9 56
Wednesday	17 *Emberday*	" 11: 1-36	5 10	♍ 0	♀ gr. Elon. West	1 46	4 0	5	20 10 52
Thursday	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	5 50	♍ 14	☿ stationary. ☉ ent. ♓	1 46	3 9	5	21 11 50
Friday	19 Mesroh	" 12: 13-59	6 31	♍ 28	☾ ♀ rises 3 56	1 46	3 8	5	22 12 49
Saturday	20 Sadoth	" 13: 1-21	☽ rises.	♎ 12	20. Procyon s. 9 12	1 46	3 7	5	23 1 48

8] 2*d Sunday in Lent,* Matthew 15: 21–28; 1 Thess. 4: 1–8. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 48 *min.*

Sunday	21 Mainrad	Luke 13: 22-35	6 29	♎ 26	Pollux south 9 36	1 46	3 6	5	24 2 36
Monday	22 *Washington*	" 14:	7 28	♏ 8	Spica rises 9 28	1 46	3 4	5	26 3 24
Tuesday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	" 15:	8 26	♏ 22	♉. Regulus rises 11 22	1 46	3 3	5	27 4 12
Wednesday	24 Matthias	" 16:	9 29	♐ 6	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	1 46	3 2	5	28 5 6
Thursday	25 Casp. Olevianus	" 17: 1-19	10 40	♐ 18	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 10 25	1 36	3 1	5	29 5 58
Friday	26 Berthold Haller	" 17: 20-37	11 55	♑ 29	☽ in apo. □ ♄ ☉	1 36	2 9	5	31 6 42
Saturday	27 Martin Bucer	" 18: 1-30	morn.	♒ 10	♄ rises 11 30	1 36	2 8	5	32 7 24

9] 3*d Sunday in Lent,* Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 6 *min.*

Sunday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv	Luke 18: 31-19; 1-28	12 31	♑ 22	28. ♀ ris. 3 59. ♂ ☽ ♄	1 36	2 7	5	33 8 4

(♀) Venus is Morning Star till the 23d of this month, 2 o'clock in the Morning; then Evening Star till the end of the year.

(♄) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun the 5th of this Month, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES

New Moon,	6th	day,	2	o'clock,	54	min. Morning.
First Quarter,	13th	"	12	"	20	" Morning.
Full Moon,	20th	"	3	"	1	" Morning.
Last Quarter,	28th	"	4	"	51	" Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cold; 3, 4, 5, N. W. cold; 6, 7, moderate; 8, snow; 9, 10, 11, N. W. storm; 12, 13, 14, clear and cold; 15, 16, moderate; 17, 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, 24, rain and snow; 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, cold.

FASTING.

It is *Scriptural.* See scores of examples, and precepts also, in both the New Testament and the Old.

Wherefore, it is *profitable*, for body and soul. Else it would not have been appointed.

For this reason it is *not to be mocked at*, to say the least. Rom. 14: 3 fairly applies to this case. If the duty of fasting is not preached, encouraged, and practiced, by no means speak lightly of it. It has divine authority.

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THE GOLDEN SIDE.

There is many a rest on the road of life,
If we only would stop to take it;
And many a tone from the better land,
If the querulous heart would wake it.
To the sunny soul that is full of hope,
And whose beautiful trust ne'er faileth,
The grass is green and the flowers are bright,
Though the wintry storm prevaileth.

Better to weave in the web of life
A bright and golden filling,
And to do God's will with a ready heart,
And hands that are swift and willing,
Than to snap the delicate silver threads
Of our curious lives asunder;
And then Heav'n blame for the tangled ends,
And sit to grieve and wonder.

SELF-DENIAL IN THE MINISTRY.

In the article in this Almanac on, "How the Door is Guarded," some remarks are made in regard to self-denial in the ministry, which standing alone might mislead or discourage some young person. Hence we add the following:

It is not all self-denial. The life of a minister is not without satisfaction, by any means. Nor is he an unhappy man. He has joys and rewards, in this life already, higher than any money-consideration, and sacred pleasure in his work which is better than ease or luxury.

Money is not the only source of satisfaction; indeed it is a poor comforter at best, It does not compare with the sweetness of doing good.

To all this must be added his glorious reward in the life to come. The joyful assurance of this lightens many a burden now, and all eternity will not exhaust its sweetness.

Let no one be misled or discouraged by any statement of the self-denial of the ministry. No class of men are more cheerful, happy, and contented. May the Lord, this year, turn the hearts of many of our young to this work!

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ROLL OF HONOR.

Twenty of our Ministers have been in the ministry forty years and over.

Fifteen others have been in the ministry fifty years and over.

Half of these are yet in active service; and indeed several of them have all these years been serving the same people.

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God. I am the Lord."

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BATTLE AGAINST THEM.

Gov. Washburn, of Massachusetts, says: "So long as nine-tenths of the crimes committed in the State are traceable to the use of intoxicating liquors, and so long as three-fourths of the inmates in our penal and reformatory institutions are chargeable to the account against ardent spirits, so long must we struggle for the overthrow of the traffic therein."

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To see others as they see themselves, is quite as hard as to see ourselves as others see us.

MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1	Suidbert	Luke 19:29-20;1-18	1 34	♑ 4	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior ☋	13 6	25 5	35	8 48
Tuesday	2	John Wesley	" 20:19-21;1-4	2 38	♑ 16	♃ rises 10 5	12 6	24 5	36	9 36
Wednesday	3	Balthilde	" 21: 5-35	3 40	♑ 29	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 4 4	12 6	23 5	37	10 24
Thursday	4	George Wishart	" 22: 1-30	4 32	♒ 14	Sirius south 7 37	12 6	21 5	39	11 10
Friday	5	Thomas Aquinas	" 22: 31-71	5 12	♒ 29	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 5 19	12 6	20 5	40	11 56
Saturday	6	Fridolin	" 23:	5 50	♓ 14	♂ ☽ ☿. Regulus s. 10 54	11 6	19 5	41	12 44

10] *4th Sunday in Lent,* John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	7	Perpetua	Mark 10: 32-52	☽ sets.	♓ 29	7th. ♁ rises 11 24	11 6	17 5	43	1 30
Monday	8	Zach. Ursinus	" 11:	6 58	♈ 15	♌. ♃ rises 9 41	11 6	16 5	44	2 10
Tuesday	9	Cyrillus	" 12:	7 59	♈ 29	Rigel sets 11 20	11 6	15 5	45	2 49
Wednesday	10	40 Marts. at Sebaste	" 13:	8 40	♉ 15	☽ in per. ♀ rises 4 6	10 6	13 5	47	3 40
Thursday	11	Wm. Hoseus	" 14: 1-54	9 30	♉ 29	♄ rises 5 0	10 6	12 5	48	4 32
Friday	12	Greg. the Great	" 14:55-15;1-15	10 21	♊ 13	Wega rises 10 24	10 6	11 5	49	5 24
Saturday	13	Rudericus	" 15: 16-47	11 10	♊ 26	Spica rises 8 16 ♎	10 6	10 5	50	6 18

11] *5th Sunday in Lent,* John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 44 *min.*

Sunday	14	Matilda	Matth. 20: 17-33	morn.	♊ 9	14th. ☿ stationary	9 6	8 5	52	7 8
Monday	15	Thos. Cranmer	" 21:	12 4	♊ 21	♃ rises 9 18	9 6	7 5	53	8 6
Tuesday	16	Heribert	" 22:	1 10	♋ 3	Orion sets 12 26	9 6	5 5	55	8 56
Wednesday	17	St. Patrick	" 23:	2 14	♋ 15	Aldebaran sets 11 38	9 6	4 5	56	9 50
Thursday	18	Alexander	" 24: 1-31	3 18	♋ 27	♄ rises 4 51	8 6	3 5	57	10 42
Friday	19	Mary & Martha	" 24: 32-51	4 26	♌ 9	♂ rises 11 16	8 6	1 5	59	11 43
Saturday	20	Ambrose of Sien.	" 25:	5 38	♌ 21	☉ enters ♈. Day & Night Equal.	8 6	0 6	0 12	44

12] *Palm Sunday,* John 12: 1–6; Phil. 2: 5–10. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 2 *min.*

Sunday	21	Benedict	Matth. 26: 1-13	☽ rises.	♌ 3	21st. Spring com.	7 5	59 6	1	1 44
Monday	22	Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 26: 14-35	7 6	♌ 14	♉. Rigel sets 10 34	7 5	57 6	3	2 35
Tuesday	23	Wolfgang	" 26: 36-56	8 10	♌ 26	Regulus south 9 49	7 5	56 6	4	3 22
Wednesday	24	Florentius	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	9 14	♍ 8	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 8 48	6 5	55 6	5	4 12
Thursday	25	*Maunday Thurs.*	" 27: 3-31	10 21	♍ 21	Sirius south 6 26	6 5	53 6	7	4 56
Friday	26	*Good Friday*	" 27: 32-50	10 59	♎ 3	♄ rises 4 29	6 5	52 6	8	5 44
Saturday	27	Rupertus	" 27: 51-56	11 24	♎ 15	☽ in apo. ♀ rises 4 5	5 5	51 6	9	6 31

13] *Easter Sunday,* John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 22 *min.*

Sunday	28	*Easter Sunday*	John 11:	11 59	♎ 28	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ ris. 11 2 ☋	5 5	49 6	11	7 15
Monday	29	*Easter Monday*	" 12:	morn.	♏ 11	29. ☿ gr. Elon. W.	5 5	48 6	12	8 5
Tuesday	30	John Heermann	" 13: 1-30	12 34	♏ 25	☿ in Aphelion	4 5	47 6	13	8 48
Wednesday	31	Ernest the Pious	" 13: 31-14:	1 36	♐ 9	☿ rises 4 59	4 5	45 6	15	9 34

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	7th	day,	3	o'clock,	20	min. Afternoon.
First Quarter,	14th	"	8	"	5	" Morning.
Full Moon,	21st	"	6	"	51	" Evening.
Last Quarter,	29th	"	11	"	24	" Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, cloudy, cold; 5, 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, 10, N. W. wind; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, storm; 21, 22, snow-storm; 23, 24, cold; 25, 26, 27, rain and snow; 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, variable.

"HE SUFFERED."

Every part of our Lord's body was wronged. On His head was a crown of thorns. In His hand was a mock sceptre. His mouth tasted the vinegar and gall. The ear heard the mocking cry, "Hail, King!" The eye saw the hypocritical bowing. His cheek received their shameful blows. His side was pierced with a spear, and His feet were nailed to the cross.

THE EASTER SEASON.

Some churches have special service—a "revival" they call it—in the Winter. We have ours in the Spring, and so follow in the good old ways of our fathers, who alway made great account of the Easter season. The hymns, prayers, lessons, and sermons all point to the atoning death and glorious resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. How can they help but touch and quicken every soul? This is also our special time for Catechization. May it not reasonably be called our "revival" season?

Nature then awakens to new life, and so does the Church.

"THE FORM OF SOUND WORDS."

Learn the very words of the Catechism, and hold them fast in memory, because they are the very best form. "Hold fast the form of sound words which thou hast heard of me" (2 Tim. 1: 13), says your spiritual mother the Church.

THOUGHTS FOR PASSION WEEK.

MONDAY.

"The Well is deep."

Thy saying is most true,
Salvation's well is deep,
Only Christ's hand can reach the waters blue,
And even He must stoop to draw it up
Ere He can fill thy cup.

TUESDAY.

Christ did not send,
But came Himself to save,
The ransom price He did not lend,
But gave.
Christ died, the Shepherd for the sheep;
We only fall asleep.

WEDNESDAY.

Thou art a gentle and most loving Lamb,
Wounded to give us balm.
And still wherever sin doth reign,
Thou day by day art slain;
When will man cease to give Thee pain?

THURSDAY.

"He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

We seek no sign.
It hath sufficed
For us to see the Father in the Christ.
If by its gather'd fruits we judge the tree,
What holiness is Thine! what purity!
Thy life is such a miracle,
None could have lived save an Immanuel.
We need not ask with Pilate, "Whence art Thou?"
Even with the twisted thorns around Thy brow,
For well we know Thine origin divine.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Good Friday, well our lips may call thee good,
Although a day of agony and blood.
A day of dying, yet a day of life,
A day of peace and of most bitter strife.
When to the roots of life's immortal tree,
So fair and green from all eternity,
The axe of death was laid, for man's rude sake,
An ark of refuge for his race to make:
Thus sheltered in that ark of gopher-wood,
Good Friday, well our lips may call thee good.

EASTER EVE.

Where lay
The Lord of Light,
Angels may
Sit in white.
Why, grave, thou art as Heaven to-night,
Holding the Prince of immortality
In thy dark room!
Strange heaven for thee,
Thou that inhabitest eternity,
A tomb!

EASTER SUNDAY.

O death where is thy dart?
Hidden in Christ's heart.
When I that wondrous heart had still'd,
I deemed that I the life had kill'd,
And laid forever in the grave;
But He awoke in all His might,
And all my power was put to flight,
A captive Ethiopian slave,
Taken by Him in mortal fight,
Dragg d at His chariot wheels of light.
The porter now of heaven's gate,
Compell'd to wait,
Clad in its livery of white.

—*English Magazine.*

APRIL, *4th Month, 30 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Fritigild	John 15:	2 39	23	♃ rises 8 21 ♋	4 5	4 46	6 16	10 26
Friday	2 Theodosia	" 16:	3 49	8	☽ ☌ ♄. ♀. ♀ rises 4 3	4 5	4 36	6 17	11 10
Saturday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	" 17:	4 20	23	♄ rises 3 53	3 5	4 16	6 19	12 4

14] *1st Sunday after Easter,* John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–10. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 40 *min.*

Sunday	4 Ambrose	Lam. Jeremiah	4 46	8	☌ ☽ ☿. ♁ rises 10 56	3 5	4 0	6 20	12 42
Monday	5 Christ. Scriver	Heb. 8:	5 12	23	♌. Sirius st. 10 42	3 5	3 9	6 21	1 20
Tuesday	6 Albert Durer	" 9:	☽ sets.	8	6th. ♁ in ♍.	2 5	3 8	6 22	2 0
Wednesday	7 Olaus Peterson	" 10:	8 34	23	☽ in per. Regulus s. 8 24	2 5	3 7	6 23	2 46
Thursday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	John 6:	9 26	7	♃ rises 7 59	2 5	3 5	6 25	3 34
Friday	9 Thos. v. Westen	Luke 23: 32-49	10 22	21	♄ rises 3 42	2 5	3 4	6 26	4 22
Saturday	10 Fulbert	Heb. 4:	11 18	5	♀ rises 3 59 ♎	1 5	3 3	6 27	5 12

15] *2d Sunday after Easter,* John 10: 12–16; 1 Pet. 2: 21–25. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 56 *min.*

Sunday	11 Leo the Great	John 20: 1-18	morn.	18	7* sets 9 50	1 5	3 2	6 28	6 6
Monday	12 Sabas	Luke 24: 1-12	12 12	0	12. Rigel sts. 10 22	1 5	3 0	6 30	6 56
Tuesday	13 Justin Martyr	Acts 2: 22-47	12 56	12	Vega rises 8 19	1 5	2 9	6 31	7 42
Wednesday	14 John Eccart	1 Cor. 15:	1 38	24	Orion sets 10 44	0 5	2 8	6 32	8 32
Thursday	15 Simon Dach	Romans 6:	2 11	6	♃ south 12 6	sun 5	2 7	6 33	9 21
Friday	16 Peter Waldo	" 8:	2 37	18	♄ rises 3 30	fast 5	2 5	6 35	10 11
Saturday	17 Mappalicus	1 Cor. 3:	3 19	0	☿ ♃ ☉. ♁ rises 10 42	0 5	2 4	6 36	10 55

16] *3d Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 16–23; 1 Pet. 2: 11–20. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 14 *min.*

Sunday	18 Luther at Worms	John 1:	3 49	12	H stationary	1 5	2 3	6 37	11 48
Monday	19 Melancthon	" 2:	4 51	24	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♍	1 5	2 2	6 38	12 39
Tuesday	20 John Bugenhag	" 3:	☽ rises.	6	20. ☌ ☽ ♃. ☌ Nep-	1 5	2 0	6 40	1 34
Wednesday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 4:	8 16	18	☉ enters ♉ [tune ☉	1 5	1 9	6 41	2 16
Thursday	22 Origen	" 5:	9 20	0	☽ in apo. ♀ rises 3 50	2 5	1 8	6 42	3 4
Friday	23 Adalbert	" 6: 1-40	10 10	12	♃ south 11 40	2 5	1 7	6 43	3 46
Saturday	24 Wilfrid	" 6: 41-71	10 39	25	7* sets 9 10 ♋	2 5	1 5	6 45	4 34

17] *4th Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 32 *min.*

Sunday	25 St. Mark, Evan.	John 7:	11 20	8	☌ ☽ ♁. ♁ rises 10 31	2 5	1 4	6 46	5 22
Monday	26 Trudpert	" 8: 1-30	morn.	21	Orion sets 10 1	2 5	1 3	6 47	6 14
Tuesday	27 Otto Catelin	" 8: 31-59	12 18	5	Sirius sets 9 20	2 5	1 2	6 48	6 58
Wednesday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 9:	1 25	19	28. ♀ rises 3 44	3 5	1 1	6 49	7 46
Thursday	29 L. von. Berquin	" 10:	2 11	3	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 2 50	3 5	1 0	6 50	8 49
Friday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 11:	3 0	18	Antares rises 9 27	3 5	0 9	6 51	9 50

(♃) Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun the 17th of this Month, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	6th day,	1 o'clock,	35 min.	Morning.
First Quarter,	12th "	4 "	33 "	Afternoon.
Full Moon,	20th "	11 "	30 "	Forenoon.
Last Quarter,	28th "	2 "	17 "	Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, pleasant; 4, 5, 6, warm; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, 11, rain; 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, rain; 19, 20, clear; 21, thunder-showers; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, 29, fair; 30, thunder-showers.

ASCENSION DAY.

The last act of our Lord's earthly life, was to lift up His hands in blessing upon His disciples. Those hands are still up-raised.

A BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS.

A good woman died in Easton, Pa., during the past year, and remembered the Lord's cause in her last will. She gave the sum of *thirty-three hundred dollars* to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S. This sum will be a perpetual fund; and the interest of it will be expended every year for missions in the far West. Though she has gone to her reward, yet, by this generous bequest, she still continues to do good. Could not many others do likewise?

$13,000.

The several Classes of the three Eastern Synods of the Reformed Church resolved at their Spring meetings in 1874, to raise during the year, the sum of *thirteen thousand dollars* for the treasury of the Board of Missions. It was a noble resolve, and is in process of being as nobly carried out. It is easy enough to do it. The whole sum was divided by the Board of Missions among the different Classes according to their respective strength. The Classes again divided their several shares among their charges. In this way each congregation finds out how much it ought to raise. And when all do their part the whole sum is easily brought together. There is great advantage in having system in all such matters. God likes order, and will bless it.

IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Church Missionary Society of England last year received $1,206,105. One man gave $100,000 as a thank-offering for the recovery of a child from sickness. The Wesleyan Missionary Society received $839,975; the London Missionary Society, $589,545; the British and Foreign Bible Society, $1,104,720. The sum total received by the religious Societies of England, whose head quarters are in London, was $8,148,035.

HOW LONG DO MINISTERS LIVE.?

The average age of American clergymen deceased the past year was about 61. Of 236 whose deaths were correctly reported, 7 were over 90; 20 were between 80 and 90; 46 between 70 and 80; 49 between 60 and 70; 51 between 50 and 60; 23 between 40 and 50; 22 between 30 and 40, and 9 between 20 and 30.

"TOO POOR."

So people in easy circumstances often say when asked to take the Church Paper or give to some Church work.

If you should circulate these reports, it would give mortal offence. You might use their own words, but would not find easy forgiveness. They know they are not poor; hence the offence.

Every member of your choir should be also a member of the Church.

MAY, *5th Month, 31 Days.* 1875.

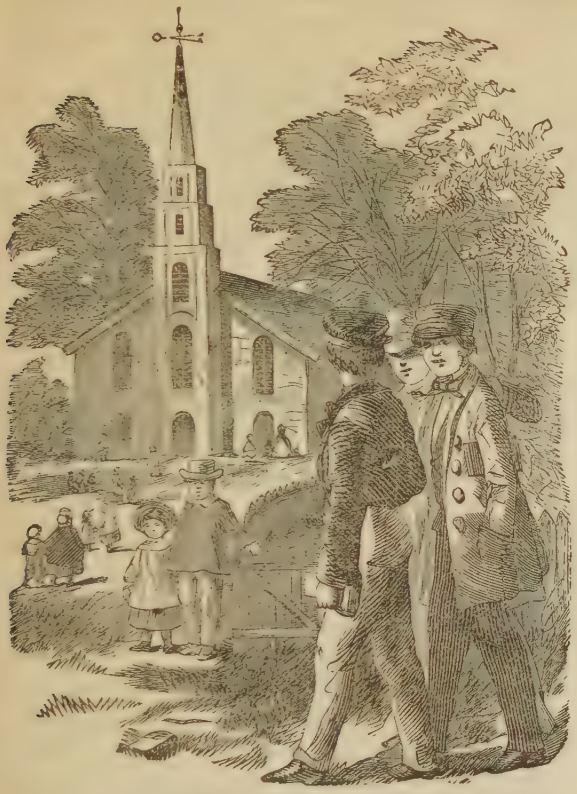
Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon Moon's R & S Place. h. m. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Philip & James	John 12:	3 26 ♑ 1	□ ☽ ☉. ☿ so. 11 10 ♉	3 5	7 6	5 3 10	48
18] *5th Sunday after Easter,*		John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27.		*Day's Length, 13 hours, 48 min.*				
Sunday	2 Athanasius	John 13: 14:	3 48 ♑ 16	☊. ♀ in Aphel'n. ♂ ☽ ♀	3 5	6 6	5 4 11	32
Monday	3 Monica	" 15:	4 12 ♒ 2	♀ rises 3 35	3 5	5 6	5 5 12	16
Tuesday	4 Florian	" 16: 17:	4 38 ♒ 17	♄ rises 10 23	3 5	4 6	5 6 12	56
Wednesday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 18:	☽ sets. ♓ 1	5. ☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ☿	3 5	3 6	5 7 1	36
Thursday	6 *Ascension Day*	" 19:	8 45 ♓ 15	♄ rises 2 31	4 5	2 6	5 8 2	20
Friday	7 Otto the Great	" 20:	9 43 ♈ 29	Spica south 10 21	♍ 4 5	1 6	5 9 3	1
Saturday	8 Stanislaus	" 21:	10 30 ♈ 13	☿ south 10 36	4 5	0 7	0 3	44
19] *6th Sunday after Easter,*		John 15: 26–16: 14; 1 Peter 4: 8–11.		*Day's Length, 14 hours, 2 min.*				
Sunday	9 Gr'g. Nanzianzen	Heb. 1: 2:	11 10 ♉ 26	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	4 4	5 9 7	1	4 31
Monday	10 John Heuglin	" 3: 4:	11 52 ♉ 8	♀ rises 3 32	4 4	5 8 7	2	5 22
Tuesday	11 John Arndt	" 5: 6:	morn. ♊ 20	♄ rises 10 11	4 4	5 7 7	3	6 11
Wednesday	12 Meletius	" 7:	12 31 ♊ 2	12. Libræ s. 11 44	4 4	5 6 7	4	6 48
Thursday	13 Servatius	" 8:	1 10 ♊ 14	☿ in Perihelion	4 4	5 5 7	5	7 34
Friday	14 Pachomius	" 9:	1 40 ♊ 26	♄ rises 1 59	4 4	5 4 7	6	8 21
Saturday	15 Moses	" 10:	2 11 ♋ 8	♂. 7* sets 7 38	4 4	5 3 7	7	9 10
20] *Whit Sunday,*		John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11.		*Day's Length, 14 hours, 16 min.*				
Sunday	16 *Whit Sunday*	Heb. 11:	2 40 ♋ 20	□ ♄ ☉. ♄ rises 9 50	4 4	5 2 7	8 10	4
Monday	17 *Whit Monday*	" 12:	3 6 ♋ 2	♂ ☉ ☿. ☿ south 9 56	4 4	5 2 7	8 10	44
Tuesday	18 80 Marts. under Val.	" 13:	3 30 ♌ 14	♄ stationary	4 4	5 1 7	9 11	50
Wednesday	19 *Emberday*	John 14:	4 4 ♌ 26	♀ rises 3 25	4 4	5 0 7	10 12	55
Thursday	20 Val. Herberger	Coloss. 2:	☽ rises. ♍ 9	20. ☽ in apo.	4 4	4 9 7	11 1	59
Friday	21 Constantine	John 15:	8 56 ♍ 22	☉ enters ♎	4 4	4 8 7	12 2	46
Saturday	22 Castus & Aemil.	" 16:	9 38 ♎ 5	♄ rises 1 12	♉ 4 4	4 7 7	13 3	33
21] *Trinity Sunday,*		John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11.		*Day's Length, 14 hours, 28 min.*				
Sunday	23 Jerome Savonar.	1 John 1:	10 34 ♎ 18	♂ ☽ ♄. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat.	3 4	4 6 7	14	4 18
Monday	24 Augustine Cazal	" 2:	11 10 ♏ 2	♄ rises 9 30 [N.	3 4	4 6 7	14	5 10
Tuesday	25 Augustine	" 3:	11 51 ♏ 16	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 4	4 5 7	15	5 55
Wednesday	26 Beda Venerabilis	" 4:	morn. ♏ 0	Regulus sets 12 31	3 4	4 4 7	16	6 40
Thursday	27 John Calvin	" 5:	12 40 ♏ 14	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ ri. 12 49	3 4	4 3 7	17	7 24
Friday	28 Lanfranc	Joel 3:	1 24 ♏ 28	28. ♀ rises 3 16	3 4	4 3 7	17	8 12
Saturday	29 David Zeisberger	John 17:	2 11 ♐ 12	☊. ☿ south 9 16	3 4	4 2 7	18	9 10
22] *1st Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 16: 19–21; 1 John 4: 7–21.		*Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.*				
Sunday	30 Jerome of Prag.	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	2 37 ♐ 26	Spica south 8 48	3 4	4 1 7	19	9 59
Monday	31 Joach'm Neander	" 5:	3 2 ♑ 11	Pollux sets 10 53	3 4	4 1 7	19	10 50

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	5th,	10	o'clock, 3 min.	Forenoon.
First Quarter,	12th,	2	" 36 "	Morning.
Full Moon,	20th,	3	" 50 "	Morning.
Last Quarter,	28th,	1	" 30 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, clear; 2, 3, rain; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, warm; 16, thunder; 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, sultry, warm; 24, 25, thunder showers; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, 31, pleasant.



STUDY THE CONSTITUTION.

The Synod of Martinsburg, in 1872, directed its pastors to preach on the subject of church government, that our people may be properly instructed in the principles and practice of our church law.

A very needful thing, as is evident from the fact, that the Constitution is bound up with the Catechism, and so is placed in the hands of all our people. How can they intelligently take part in church government, unless they understand the rules and customs of the Church?

Many do not know much about our Constitution. Indeed many think such knowledge unnecessary. What a mistake!

The better men understand their relation to the Church, the more interest they will feel, both in the Church and in themselves. The better they are acquainted with the rules and customs of the Church, the more clear will be their way of duty, and the better satisfied they will be with what the Church does.

A series of sermons on this whole subject, therefore, would do great good among our people; and it is surprising that the government, rules, and customs of the Church are so seldom explained from the pulpit—especially, as this is seldom done at length in the catechetical class.

Why should there be any delicacy in doing it? Would not this be preaching the Gospel? The Gospel is not simply Christ, Christ, Christ, but includes everything that affects the Christian life; and surely a clear understanding of this subject must do this.

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GIVING MAKES LIVING.

"The sun gives ever to the earth,
What it can give so much 'tis worth;
The ocean gives in many ways,
Gives paths, gives fishes, rivers, bays;
So, too, the air, it gives us breath—
When it stops giving comes in death.

Give, give, be always giving,
Who gives not is not living.
The more you give,
The more you live.

God's love hath to us wealth upheaped;
Only by giving it is reaped.
The body withers, and the mind,
If pent in by selfish rind.
Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give pelf,
Give love, give tears, and give thyself;

Give, give, be always giving,
Who gives not is not living,
The more we give,
The more we live.

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LAMENTABLE!

In 1874 the Board of Foreign Missions accomplished nothing. Very little was received by the Treasurer, Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, of Harrisburg. Is there no Foreign Mission spirit in our Church? Perhaps the pastors do not cultivate it among their people. Nothing comes of itself. Some few of our members send money to some other Foreign Mission Board, simply because they know that their funds will there immediately be used. Alas, that we fall so lamentably short! It makes one think of the Litany.

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Short sermons and long sausages!

JUNE, *6th Month, 30 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. rs. m.	Sun rises. h.	Sun rises. m.	Sun sets. h.	Sun sets. m.	High Water Phila. h.	High Water Phila. m.
Tuesday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	Romans 12:	3	26	♋	25	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 3 14 ☋	3	4	4	7	20	11	42
Wednesday	2 Pothinus	1 Cor. 13:	3	52	♋	9	Libræ south 10 3	2	4	4	7	20	12	36
Thursday	3 Chlotilde	Rom. 6: 19-7:	☽ sets.		♌	23	3d. ☽ in per.	2	4	3	7	21	1	28
Friday	4 Quirinus	" 8:	8	50	♌	7	♃ south 8 56 ♍	2	4	3	7	21	2	14
Saturday	5 Boniface	2 Cor. 5:	9	32	♌	20	☌ ☽ ☿. ♄ rises 12 28	2	4	3	7	22	2	56

23] *2d Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–24. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.*

Sunday	6 Norbert	Acts 1: 2:	10	10	♌	3	♄ stationary	2	4	3	7	22	3	42
Monday	7 Paul Gerhart	" 3:	10	40	♌	16	☿ rises 8 50	1	4	3	7	23	4	26
Tuesday	8 A. H. Francke	" 4:	11	28	♌	28	♀ rises 3 8	1	4	3	7	23	5	12
Wednesday	9 Columba	" 5:	morn.		♍	10	☿ gr. Elon. East	1	4	3	7	23	5	57
Thursday	10 Fred. Barbarossa	" 6:	12	14	♍	22	10th. ☿ sets 8 13	1	4	3	7	23	6	45
Friday	11 Barnabas	" 7:	12	39	♎	4	♄ rises 12 4	0	4	3	7	24	7	33
Saturday	12 Renata	" 8:	1	5	♎	16	☋. Altair south 12 22	0	4	3	7	24	8	22

24] *3d Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Peter 5: 6–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.*

Sunday	13 Isaac le Febre	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	1	29	♎	28	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 8 0	♒	4	3	7	24	9	11
Monday	14 Basil	Acts 10:	1	55	♏	10	☿ rises 8 1	♒	4	3	7	25	9	56
Tuesday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 11:	2	19	♏	22	☽ in apo. ☿ in ♉	0	4	3	7	25	10	52
Wednesday	16 Richard Baxter	" 12:	2	44	♏	5	♄ rises 11 44	0	4	3	7	25	11	50
Thursday	17 John Tauler	1 Pet. 2: 11-3; 1-17	3	20	♐	18	♀ rises 3 2	1	4	3	7	25	12	48
Friday	18 Pamphilus	" 3: 18-4: 16	☽ rises.		♐	1	18th. ☌ ☽ ☿ ☋	1	4	3	7	25	1	45
Saturday	19 Council at Nice	" 4: 17-5:	9	0	♐	14	♃ stationary	1	4	3	7	25	2	34

25] *4th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	20 27 Martyrs	James 1:	9	40	♑	28	☍ ☿ ☉. ☿ south 11 56	1	4	3	7	25	3	20
Monday	21 Matt. Claudius	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	10	18	♑	12	☉ ent. ♋. Longest Day	1	4	3	7	26	4	10
Tuesday	22 Gottschalk	James 2:	11	0	♑	26	Summer Commences	2	4	3	7	25	4	52
Wednesday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 3:	11	26	♒	10	☿ stationary. ☌ ☽ ♄	2	4	3	7	25	5	41
Thursday	24 John Baptist	" 4:	11	54	♒	25	♄ rises 11 16	2	4	3	7	25	6	32
Friday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 5:	morn.		♓	9	☊. ♃ sets 12 40	2	4	3	7	25	7	16
Saturday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	Jude	12	12	♓	23	26. ☿ in Aphelion	3	4	3	7	25	8	6

26] *5th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Peter 3: 8–15. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	27 Seven Sleepers	Acts 13: 1-12	12	36	♈	7	♀ rises 2 59	3	4	3	7	25	8	56
Monday	28 Irenæus	" 13: 13-52	1	4	♈	21	☿ south 11 21	3	4	3	7	25	9	42
Tuesday	29 Peter and Paul	" 14:	1	38	♉	5	Antares south 9 47	3	4	3	7	24	10	34
Wednesday	30 Raymond Lully	" 15:	2	20	♉	19	Spica sets 9 8	3	4	3	7	24	11	22

(☾) Mars is in opposition with the Sun on the 20th of this Month, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon.	3d, 5 o'clock.	29 min.	Afternoon.
First Quarter.	10th, 2 "	55 "	Afternoon.
Full Moon.	18th, 6 "	56 "	Evening.
Last Quarter.	26th, 9 "	39 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable: 4, 5, thunder showers: 6, 7, 8, pleasant: 9, 10, warm: 11, 12, 13, clear: 14, 15, cloudy: 16, 17, 18, variable: 19, 20, rain: 21, 22, 23, fair, warm: 24, 25, 26, clear: 27, 28, cloudy: 29, 30, fair.

THE PASTOR'S SALARY.

While the Constitution requires congregations to give the Pastor a sufficient support (see how forcibly it argues the question in Article 14th), it also does not allow him 1,) to devote himself to any secular calling, and 2,) to make a traffic of his ministrations by taking money therefor. (See Art. 137.)

Hence his salary is not a kindness, but a due; not a charity, but a claim. It is not so much pay for so much work (his ministrations are above all *price*), but a support, that he may give himself entirely to his work.

He must teach; and Paul says that those who are taught, shall give him of all their good things (Gal. 6: 6). Paul argues the question quite at length, and very forcibly, in 1 Cor. 9: 7–14, which, to save space, we forbear quoting; only adding that Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth, that he never used this right, lest men should misunderstand the matter, and his work suffer. (See verses 12th and 15th.) He spake in behalf of those who should come after him.

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What a pity, that so many people are allowed to die without receiving attention from some Christian minister—instruction, advice, warning, comfort!

REFORMED—NOT PRESBYTERIAN.

A writer, having said "there are ten branches of the Presbyterian Church," and named among them the "Dutch Reformed" and the "German Reformed," another writer answered:

"The idea is, that the Reformed Church is part of the Presbyterian Church. Not so.

The Reformed Church in origin is the Church in the Reformation period protesting against the errors of Romanism. She embraced all of Protestantism, which did not endorse some of the peculiar doctrines of Luther and his followers, or subscribe to the Augsburg Confession. She began the Reformation under the leading of Zwingli and others, even before Luther entered upon it. When the Lutheran Confession appeared, she was compelled to give expression to her freer and more Protestant doctrine in the Heidelberg Catechism, in 1653. It was only when the Reformation had passed into England, and a half century later, when the Westminster Confession was produced, that the Presbyterian Church, as such, became a designated and separate branch of the Protestant body. It is historically correct to say, that the Presbyterian is a branch of the Reformed Church, but not the reverse."

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A NEGLECTED ARTICLE.

It is Article 115th of the Constitution. It says: that, where members neglect their duty, though free from gross sins, they forfeit their membership: and their names may be stricken from the Church roll. They show by their neglect, that they do not want membership; therefore erase their names. This can be done, however, only after proper admonitions; but when done, it virtually is excommunication, and may reasonably be put into the statistical column of excommunications. The same course may be pursued where persons have moved away without dismission, and for years, have not been heard from.

Evidently, when those whose names have been erased desire to be again restored, they must be received on public confession of faith. Any other course is unfair to all parties concerned.

This article is greatly neglected in many of our congregations; and the church record of membership is so unclean that no one knows who has church privileges and who not. In case of important elections, this state of things leads to serious trouble.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon's Rising, R. & S. Place. h. m. s.			Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	Sun Sun rises Sets. h. m. h. m.	Sun Clock Time. h. m.
Thursday	1 H. Vows	Acts 16:						
Friday	2 Visit. V. M.	" 17: 1-14						
Saturday	3 Otto, Bishop	" 17: 15-18: 11						
27]	6th Sunday after Trinity.	Matth. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11.				Dog's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.		
Sunday	4 Independence	1 Thess. 1:	9 10		12	Dog Days begin	4 27	22 2 34
Monday	5 Lord Cobham	" 2: 1-16	9 46		25	☽ south 10 56	4 28	22 3 27
Tuesday	6 John Huss	" 2: 17-3:	10 12	♑	7	☉ ☽ ☌ Uranus	4 28	22 4 2
Wednesday	7 Willibald	" 4:	10 36	♑	19	☿ sets 11 57	4 28	22 4 45
Thursday	8 Kilian	" 5:	10 54	♒	1	Vega south 11 19	4 29	22 5 33
Friday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	11 20	♒	13	☽ ☍ ♄ rises 10 10	4 29	22 6 27
Saturday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 2: 13-3	11 48	♒	24	10h. ☉ ☽ ☿	4 29	22 7 19
28]	7th Sunday after Trinity.	Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23.				Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min.		
Sunday	11 Placedus	Gala. 1: 1-10	morn.	♒	6	♃ rises 12 48	4 30	22 8 4
Monday	12 Henry II.	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	12 38	♒	18	Antares south 8 51	4 31	19 8 48
Tuesday	13 Eugenius	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	1 8	♒	0	☽ in apo. ☿ rises 3 10	4 31	19 9 39
Wednesday	14 Bonaventura	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	1 38	♓	13	☽ south 10 24	4 32	18 10 36
Thursday	15 Answer	" 3: 15	2 6	♓	26	☐ ☿ ☉. ☿ ☽ ☽.	4 33	17 11 28
Friday	16 Anna Askow	" 4:	2 34	♈	10	☽ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	4 33	17 12 18
Saturday	17 Separatus & 11 co.	" 5: 6:	3 4	♈	24	☽ stationary	4 34	16 1 6
29]	8th Sunday after Trinity.	Matth. 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17.				Day's Length, 14 hours, 30 min.		
Sunday	18 Arnulf	1 Cor. 1:	☽ morn.	♉	8	18h. ☿ sets 11 10	4 34	15 1 58
Monday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 2:	8 42	♉	22	☽ ☌ ♄ rises 9 28	4 35	14 2 46
Tuesday	20 John Marteilhe	" 3: 4: 1-4	9 8	♊	6	☉ ☽ ☿. ☉ ☽ ♄. ☿ in ♌	4 35	14 3 34
Wednesday	21 Eberhard	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	9 33	♊	21	☿ rises 3 18	4 36	13 4 20
Thursday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 5: 9-6:	10 0	♋	6	☽ enters ♋	4 37	12 5 7
Friday	23 Godfr. v. Hamelle	" 7:	10 25	♋	20	☉. ☿ south 10 4	4 37	11 5 54
Saturday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 8: 9:	10 51	♌	4	☿ sets 10 52	4 38	10 6 47
30]	9th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 16: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10.				Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min.		
Sunday	25 St. James	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	11 18	♌	18	25th. ☿ stationary	4 39	10 7 32
Monday	26 Christopher	" 11: 2	11 51	♍	2	☐ Neptune ☽	4 39	9 8 14
Tuesday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 12: 1-30	morn.	♍	15	☿ gr. Elon. West	4 40	8 9 4
Wednesday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 12: 31-13:	12 26	♍	28	☿ rises 3 57	4 40	7 9 49
Thursday	29 Olaus	" 14:	1 14	♎	12	☽ in per. ♄ rises 8 56	4 41	6 10 30
Friday	30 John Wessel	1 Cor. 15: 1-34	2 27	♎	25	☉ ☽ ☿. ☿ south 9 39	4 42	5 11 51
Saturday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 15: 35-16:	3 36	♏	8	☉ ☽ ☿. ☿ rises 3 30	4 42	4 12 52

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	3d day,	12	o'clock,	24	min.	Morning.
First Quarter,	10th "	5	"	40	"	Morning.
Full Moon,	18th "	8	"	26	"	Morning.
Last Quarter,	25th "	3	"	39	"	Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, warmest days; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, warm; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, 29, warm; 30, 31, pleasant.

WHY WILL YOU NOT DO IT?

Much work now done by ministers could be quite as well done by you who are not ministers, and so save taking Pastors from their people.

Agencies, teaching (in colleges and academies), &c., &c., must be filled from our already small number of Pastors. Why? Mainly because other men are not willing to lay down their own business to serve the Master in this form. They can make more money elsewhere.

Every Christian, whether minister or layman, should feel himself so fully consecrated to Christ, as to be willing to labor wherever called by the Church. This call often involves sacrifice (takes men from home; pays only a bare living, &c., &c.), but shall only Ministers suffer these things? Who has exempted you? Why shall you not devote a year or two, or five, to some special Church work for which your talents fully qualify you? Then, when this has been done, return to your own business.

Verily, we need more of the spirit of full, earnest consecration to Christ. Then men would think it rather a privilege than a sacrifice to go out for a time on some mission for the Church, and thus leave the minister to do what you cannot.

4004——1——1875.

These figures are easily understood. The middle figure is the year when Christ was born; the first is the date of Creation, *i. e.*, 4004 years before the birth of Christ; the last is the new year, *i. e.*, 1875, the year since Christ was born.

Notice that the dates in Old Testament history grow less and less as you draw near to the birth of the Saviour; but from that point onward toward the present, the dates rise higher and higher.

For example: the Creation, B. C. 4004; the Deluge, B. C. 2348; the calling of Abraham, B. C. 1921; the outgoing from Egypt, B. C. 1491; the Hebrews enter Canaan, B. C. 1451; the reign of Solomon, B. C. 1015–975, *i. e.*, forty years; the return from Babylon, about, B. C. 500; Malachi wrote his prophecy, about, B. C. 420; these 400 years lie between Malachi and John the Baptist.

CHRIST BORN.

From this point, the dates increase, and we write not B. C. (before Christ), but A. D. (*anno Domini*, Latin words meaning "in the year of our Lord").

Christ crucified, A. D. 33; the first Christian Synod, A. D. 50; Jerusalem destroyed, A. D. 70; the Apostle John died, about, A. D. 100; Christianity triumphant in the conversion of Emperor Constantine, A. D. 323; Reformation in Europe, A. D. 1517; Declaration of Independence, A. D. 1776; the New Year, A. D. 1875.

"In the year of our Lord," means not only that it is a Christian year, a year of the Christian dispensation, but also that it is a year of His Kingly reign. "A. D." is not written so often as it used be, or as it deserves to be written.

THE WARM WEATHER.

It seems to dry up the congregation as well as the field. Activity is lessened. The teachers' meeting has hardly a quorum. The prayer-meeting is very slim. The regular services are sadly thinned out. The Consistory can hardly be assembled.

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl.	Sun rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
31]	*10th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 19: 41–48; 1 Cor. 12: 5–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 6 min.*				
Sunday	1 Maccabees	Acts 19:11-20:1	☽ sets.	♌ 20	1st. ♄ so. 9 30 ♓	6 4	5 7 7	3	1 49
Monday	2 Mart. under Nero	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	7 50	♍ 2	Antares so. 7 31	6 4	5 8 7	2	2 36
Tuesday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 1: 23-2	8 16	♎ 14	Altair south 10 52	6 4	5 9 7	1	3 24
Wednesday	4 Leonard Käser	" 3: 4: 1-6	8 41	♎ 26	☿ in ☌. Sirius ris. 4 38	6 5	0 7	0	4 10
Thursday	5 Salzb'g Evang.	" 4: 7-5: 10	9 0	♏ 8	♍. ♀ rises 3 51	6 5	1 6	59	4 58
Friday	6 Transfiguration	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	9 24	♏ 20	Neptune stationary	6 5	2 6	58	5 46
Saturday	7 Nonna	" 7: 2	9 48	♐ 2	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 10 9	5 5	3 6	57	6 38
32]	*11th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–10.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 52 min.*				
Sunday	8 Hormisdas	2 Cor. 8:	10 8	♐ 14	8th. ☌ H ☉	5 5	4 6	56	7 29
Monday	9 Numidicus	" 9:	10 36	♐ 26	☿ in Perihelion	5 5	5 6	55	8 18
Tuesday	10 Laurentius	" 10:	11 26	♑ 8	☽ in apo. ☌ ☿ ♀	5 5	6 6	54	9 8
Wednesday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 11:	morn.	♑ 21	♄ south 8 56	5 5	7 6	53	9 59
Thursday	12 An. of Havelberg	" 12: 1-18	12 16	♒ 4	☌ ☽ ♄. Dog days end. ☋	5 5	8 6	52	10 46
Friday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 12: 19-13:	1 28	♒ 18	Orion rises 1 46	5 5	9 6	51	11 34
Saturday	14 James Guthrie	Acts 20: 1-13	2 42	♓ 2	♀ rises 4 12	4 5	10 6	50	12 23
33]	*12th Sunday after Trinity,*	Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 36 min.*				
Sunday	15 Virgin Mary	Rom. 1: 1-17	3 59	♓ 17	☍ ♄ ☉. ♄ south 12 6	4 5	12 6	48	1 11
Monday	16 John of Saxony	" 1: 18-31	☽ rises.	♈ 1	16th. ☌ ☽ ♄	4 5	13 6	47	1 51
Tuesday	17 John Gerhard	" 2:	7 38	♈ 16	♃ sets 9 28	4 5	14 6	46	2 43
Wednesday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 3:	8 3	♈ 1	7* rises 10 21	4 5	15 6	45	3 32
Thursday	19 Sebaldus	" 4:	8 29	♉ 16	☊. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	3 5	17 6	43	4 21
Friday	20 Bernard of Clair.	" 5: 1-11	9 0	♉ 0	♄ south 8 25	3 5	18 6	42	5 9
Saturday	21 1st Morv. Mission	" 5: 12-21	9 34	♉ 14	Sirius rises 3 32	3 5	19 6	41	5 56
34]	*13th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 15–22.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 20 min.*				
Sunday	22 Symphorianus	Rom. 6:	10 20	♉ 28	☌ ☿ ☉ Supe'r. ☉ enters ♎	3 5	20 6	40	6 50
Monday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	" 7:	11 4	♊ 12	23. ♀ in Perihelion	2 5	21 6	39	7 46
Tuesday	24 Bartholomew	" 8: 1-15	morn.	♊ 25	☽ in per. ♈	2 5	23 6	37	8 40
Wednesday	25 Louis IX.	" 8: 16-39	12 2	♋ 9	♄ south 11 30	2 5	24 6	36	9 31
Thursday	26 Ulfilas	" 9: 1-13	1 4	♋ 22	♃ sets 9 9	2 5	25 6	35	10 24
Friday	27 Jovinian	" 9: 14-33	2 10	♌ 4	Altair south 9 18	1 5	26 6	34	11 10
Saturday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 10:	3 26	♌ 17	Orion rises 12 48	1 5	27 6	33	12 6
35]	*14th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 4 min.*				
Sunday	29 John Bapt. B'd	Rom. 11:	4 36	♌ 29	♄ south 8 1	1 5	28 6	32	12 56
Monday	30 Claud of Turin	" 12:	☽ sets.	♍ 11	30th. ☌ ☽ ♀	0 5	30 6	30	1 41
Tuesday	31 Aidan	" 13:	7 2	♍ 23	☌ ☽ ☿. Spica s. 8 2	0 5	31 6	29	2 27

(♄) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 15th of this Month, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	1st	day, 8	o'clock,	27	min. Morning.
First Quarter,	8th	" 10	"	30	" Evening.
Full Moon,	16th	" 8	"	33	" Evening.
Last Quarter,	23d	" 8	"	38	" Evening.
New Moon,	30th	" 6	"	41	" Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, 4, clear; 5, 6, thunder showers; 7, 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, 31, warm.

HOW MEMBERS ARE RECEIVED.

1.) *By Confirmation.* The child renews his baptismal vows, and becomes a full member of the Church. This is only after careful instruction. Hence Classis asks each Elder (see Constitution, Art. 49), whether Catechization is attended to: and Art. 127 says the Consistory, and especially the Elders, shall be present at Catechization. The moral force of their presence would do good. If catechumens are unbaptized, then their baptism and confirmation fall close together; but, such persons should, for confirmation, be separated from the baptized. The confirmation service does not suit their case. They require the service for adult baptism. If this separation is not made, the service is painfully inconsistent.

The Churches that confirm are: Reformed, Lutheran, Episcopal, Moravian, Greek, and Roman Catholic, and perhaps one or two others. The rest admit persons to full membership in a different way.

2.) *By Certificate.* This paper states, that you are a "member" of a certain congregation, "in good and regular standing," and thereby dismissed to another certain congregation (in the Reformed, Presbyterian, or some other Church). "Good and regular standing" means, that you are faithful in the Christian life and therefore worthy of fellowship. On this depends the whole value of the certificate. Some ministers do much harm, both to the member and to the congregation receiving him, by dismissing the unworthy. Those are unworthy, who, though their life may be moral, yet neglect the Lord's Supper, attendance, support of the Church, &c.

The certificate gives you membership in a certain congregation, *i. e.*, the right to vote and to hold office there, and a claim to pastoral attention, but you have a right to the Lord's Supper, even without such congregational membership. Many do not know this simple fact.

The Constitution (Art. 130) says, that it is your *duty*, in case of removal, to take your certificate of dismission and also to deposit it, that you may stand in right relation to the congregation whose services you enjoy, that you may be under its care and control, and also that you may support it. Of course for a residence of only a few months, a certificate is not necessary.

A certificate must be deposited within one year, if there is opportunity to do so; else it loses its value and cannot be accepted. Hence it is always dated.

In going to a new home, it is your duty not only to have your certificate, but also to find the church, and make yourself known to the Pastor or Elders. Many persons wait for the Church to find them (not so however in regard to the store or post-office).

Not being dismissed, or not depositing your certificate in the new home, give you no right or liberty to neglect any Christian duty, public or private, by omission or commission.

If a charge has no Pastor, the Elders may either give or receive a certificate of dismission.

Many persons confound the confirmation certificate with this certificate of dismission. They are very different. The first certifies that at a certain time you by confirmation became a full member of the Church; the second testifies that you are now

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Hanna	Rom. 14:	7 30	♎ 5	Sirius rises 2 49 ♌	0 5	32 6	28	3 10
Thursday	2 Mamas	" 15: 1-13	7 54	♎ 17	☿. ♄ south 7 56	0 5	33 6	27	3 50
Friday	3 Hildegarde	" 15: 14-33	8 18	♎ 29	♄ south 10 42	1 5	35 6	2[illegible]	4 44
Saturday	4 Ida	" 16:	8 42	♏ 11	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 8 29	1 5	36 6	2	5 32

36] 15*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25–6: 10. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	5 John Mollio	Acts 20:	9 10	♏ 23	Orion rises 2 45	1 5	37 6	23	6 16
Monday	6 Martin Weibel	" 21:	9 44	♐ 5	☽ in apo.	2 5	39 6	21	7 1
Tuesday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 22: 23:	10 26	♐ 16	7th. Spica sets 7 48	2 5	40 6	20	7 44
Wednesday	8 Corbinian	" 24: 25:	11 22	♐ 29	Antares s. 9 37 ♏	2 5	41 6	19	8 36
Thursday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 26:	morn.	♑ 12	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 12 0	3 5	43 6	17	9 24
Friday	10 Paul Speratus	" 27:	12 26	♑ 26	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 5	44 6	16	10 14
Saturday	11 John Brenz	" 28:	1 38	♒ 10	7* rises 8 46	3 5	45 6	15	10 58

37] 16*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 7: 11–17: Eph. 3: 13–21. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	Eph. 1: 1-14	2 56	♒ 24	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 9 59	4 5	47 6	13	11 38
Monday	13 Wm. Farel	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	3 40	♓ 9	♃ sets 8 0	4 5	48 6	12	12 20
Tuesday	14 Cyprian	" 2: 11-3:	4 39	♓ 24	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	5 5	49 6	11	1 12
Wednesday	15 *Ember Day*	" 4: 1-17	☽ rises.	♈ 9	15. ♊. Pollux rises 12 18	5 5	50 6	10	1 57
Thursday	16 Euphemia	" 4: 18	6 59	♈ 25	Rigel rises 11 43	5 5	52 6	8	2 44
Friday	17 Lambert	" 5: 6: 1-9	7 42	♉ 10	Antares sets 9 12	6 5	53 6	7	3 31
Saturday	18 A.G.Spangenb'g	" 6: 10	8 30	♉ 24	☽ in per. ♄ sets 11 42	6 5	54 6	6	4 22

38] 17*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–16. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	Colos. 1:	9 18	♊ 8	Arctur sets 9 31	6 5	55 6	5	5 8
Monday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 2: 3: 1-4	10 12	♊ 22	♃ sets 7 39	7 5	56 6	4	5 56
Tuesday	21 Matthew	" 3: 5-4:	11 6	♋ 5	♄ south 9 28 ♌	7 5	57 6	3	6 44
Wednesday	22 Mauritius	Philemon	morn.	♋ 19	22. ☿ in Aphelion	7 5	58 6	2	7 36
Thursday	23 5 Mart. of Gen'a.	Philip 1: 1-26	12 8	♌ 1	♂ ☿ ☉ Sup'r. ☉ ent. ♎.	8 6	0 6	0	8 28
Friday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 1: 27-2:	1 14	♌ 14	Fall Comm. [Day & Night Equal.	8 6	1 5	59	9 14
Saturday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 3: 4:	2 16	♌ 26	Sirius rises 1 28	8 6	3 5	57	10 16

39] 18*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 52 *min.*

Sunday	26 Lioba	1 Tim. 1:	3 10	♍ 8	♄ sets 11 28	9 6	4 5	56	11 19
Monday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 2:	4 0	♍ 20	Wega south 6 14	9 6	6 5	54	12 10
Tuesday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 3: 1-13	4 41	♎ 2	♂. Andromeda s. 11 40	9 6	7 5	53	1 12
Wednesday	29 St. Michael	" 3: 14-4: 10	☽ sets.	♎ 14	29th. ☉ Eclipsed, visible.	10 6	8 5	52	1 58
Thursday	30 Jerome	" 4: 11-5: 16	6 30	♎ 26	♄ south 5 56	10 6	10 5	50	2 34

(♀) Venus is in Superior conjunction with the Sun on the 23d of this Month; passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	7th,	4 o'clock,	37 min.	Afternoon.
Full Moon,	15th,	7 "	41 "	Morning..
Last Quarter,	22d,	2 "	0 "	Morning.
New Moon,	29th,	7 "	55 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, sultry, rainy; 7, 8, 9, pleasant; 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, warm; 21, 22, stormy; 23, 24, 25, showers; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, 30, rain.

So many a Christian man has been burned for his faith. This is the true meaning of Rev. 2 : 10, "faithful *unto* death," *i. e.*, not merely till the time of death, but to this degree.

in good standing, and are dismissed to membership in another congregation.

3.) *On Profession of Faith.* A certificate cannot always be had. (1,) Some churches do not dismiss members to another denomination. (2,) Or the certificate has lost its force by being held too long. (3,) Or the member has lost his good standing, and now moving to a new home desires to be restored. (4,) Or he left in good standing, but has lived several years in the neglect of duty, and of course has lost all claim to a certificate of dismission.

How, now, shall these people be received? Our profession of faith before the congregation. This is a renewal of their vows, and entitles them to membership. If they come from another denomination, this involves their acceptance of our doctrine, customs, and laws. No one should at all hesitate to renew his vows.

"CHARGE" AND "CONGREGATION."

The word "charge" is very often misused. Several congregations, under one pastor, are called a charge. If there is only one congregation, it is both congregation and charge; but if there are several, all taken together are called a charge.

There are twice as many converts to Christianity in India to-day, as in the whole world at the end of the first century.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

This list contains only such items as are of general interest, and follow, in the main, a chronological order, running from July 1st, 1873, to July 1st, 1874.

1.) Rev. Dr. S. R. Fisher's "Family Assistant" revised and enlarged in a second edition.

2.) The Managers of the Womelsdorf Orphan Home bought the Manderbauch farm.

3.) Rev. Jacob Hassler's Female Seminary opened at Mercersburg, Pa.

4.) The department of "Theology and Criticism" opened in the *Reformed Church Messenger*.

5.) The first Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Potomac.

6.) The Beneficiary Students of the Potomac Synod placed under bond.

7.) The Sunday-school Board of Potomac Synod established.

8.) Mr. Lewis Audenried bequeathed $35,000 to Franklin and Marshall College.

9.) The Eastern Synod raised the Theological tutorship to a full Professorship (Hebrew and Old Testament Theology).

10.) Mrs. Catharine Smaltz donated $5,000 to the Eastern Theological Seminary, for assisting needy Theological students.

11.) The three Eastern Synods (United States, Pittsburg and Potomac) united in mission work.

12.) The *Reformed Church Messenger* changed from eight to sixteen pages.

13.) The *Reformirte Kirchenzeitung* was transferred from the Board of Publication to the German Philadelphia Classis.

14.) A fifth edition of the "Young Parson" published.

15.) The *Christian World* opened an "Eastern Department."

16.) Rev. D. Y. Heisler published his "Life Pictures of the Prodigal Son."

17.) The Synod of Ohio celebrated the Semi-centennial of its organization.

18.) Greensburg Female Seminary opened under the direction of Rev. Lucian Cort.

19.) Tohickon Classis organized (out of Goshenhoppen).

20. Died:—Rev. Theobald Fouse; Rev. John W. Hoffmeier; Rev. Oscar C. S. Herman; Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D.; Rev. Benjamin S. Schenck, D. D.; Rev. Christian Kessler.

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 Remigius	1 Tim. 5: 17	6 55	7	☽ ☌ ☿. ♃. ♃ sets 6 54	10 6	11 5	49	3 15
Saturday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 6:	7 20	19	♄ south 8 50 [♒	11 6	12 5	48	3 55
40]	*19th Sunday after Trinity.*	Matth. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 34 *min.*				
Sunday	3 The two Ewaldes	Titus 1:	7 52	1	Sirius rises 12 58	11 6	13 5	47	4 47
Monday	4 Franciscus	" 2:	8 31	13	☽ in apo. ♁ in Perihel'n	11 6	15 5	45	5 30
Tuesday	5 Petro Carnesec.	" 3:	9 20	26	☌ ☿ ♃. ☿ sets 6 44 ☋	12 6	16 5	44	6 16
Wednesday	6 Henry Albert	2 Tim. 1:	10 18	9	☿ gr. Elon. East	12 6	17 5	43	7 6
Thursday	7 Theodore Beza	" 2:	11 10	22	7. ☌ ☽ ♁. ♁ sets	12 6	19 5	41	7 56
Friday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 3:	morn.	5	7* ris. 7 25 [11 14	12 6	20 5	40	8 44
Saturday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 4:	12 32	19	Rigel rises 9 47	13 6	21 5	39	9 32
41]	*20th Sunday after Trinity.*	Matth 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 14 *min.*				
Sunday	10 Justus Jonas	Heb. 1:	1 52	3	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 8 36	13 6	23 5	37	10 18
Monday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 2:	3 13	19	♃ sets 6 14	13 6	24 5	36	11 8
Tuesday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 3: 4:	4 10	3	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♌.	13 6	25 5	35	11 59
Wednesday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 5:	5 1	18	Arctur sets 8 10	13 6	27 5	33	12 45
Thursday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 6:	☽ rises.	3	14. Orion ris. 10 1	14 6	28 5	32	1 31
Friday	15 Aurelia	" 7:	5 57	18	Fomal south 9 28	14 6	29 5	31	2 20
Saturday	16 Gallus	" 8:	6 32	3	☽ in per. ♁ sets 11 1	14 6	31 5	29	3 8
42]	*21st Sunday after Trinity,*	John 4: 46–54; Eph. 6: 10–20.			*Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 56 *min.*				
Sunday	17 Rv. Edict of Nan.	Heb. 9: 1-14	7 16	17	♃ sets 5 59	15 6	32 5	28	4 2
Monday	18 St. Luke	" 9: 15	8 8	1	☿ stationary ♍	15 6	33 5	27	4 46
Tuesday	19 Bruno	" 10: 1-18	9 4	15	Altair south 9 6	15 6	35 5	25	5 32
Wednesday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 10: 19-39	10 6	28	Antares sets 7 2	15 6	36 5	24	6 14
Thursday	21 Hilarion	" 11:	11 12	11	21st. ♄ south 8 6	15 6	37 5	23	7 6
Friday	22 Hedwig	" 12:	morn.	23	Sirius rises 11 49	15 6	38 5	22	7 50
Saturday	23 Henry Martin	" 13:	12 16	5	□ ♁ ☉. ☉ enters ♏	16 6	39 5	21	8 49
43]	*22d Sunday after Trinity,*	Matth. 18: 21–35; Phil. 1: 3–11.			*Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 38 *min.*				
Sunday	24 Arethas	Prov. 1: 2:	1 20	17	♄ stationary	16 6	41 5	19	9 47
Monday	25 John Herz	" 3:	2 22	29	☌ ♀ ♃. ♂ Neptune ☉	16 6	42 5	18	10 41
Tuesday	26 Frederick III.	" 4:	3 25	11	☌ ☿ ♃. ♍.	16 6	43 5	17	11 32
Wednesday	27 Frumentius	" 5: 1-19	4 23	23	♁ sets 10 48	16 6	44 5	16	12 16
Thursday	28 Simon and Jude	" 6: 20-7:	5 22	5	Rigel rises 9 25	16 6	45 5	15	1 8
Friday	29 Alfred the Great	" 8:	☽ sets.	17	29. ☽ ☌ ☿. ♃. ♀	16 6	47 5	13	2 0
Saturday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 9:	5 40	29	☌ ☿ ☉ Inferior	16 6	48 5	12	2 42
44]	*4th Sunday before Advent,*	Matth. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14.			*Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 22 *min.*				
Sunday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	John 21: 1-23	6 30	11	☿ in ♌. ♀ sets 5 35	16 6	49 5	11	3 19

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	7th,	11 o'clock,	5 min.	Forenoon.
Full Moon,	14th,	6 "	14 "	Evening.
Last Quarter,	21st,	9 "	13 "	Evening.
New Moon,	29th,	12 "	12 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, cloudy, rainy; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, 31, clear, cold.

HOW THE DOOR IS GUARDED.

It is not easy to enter the ministry in the Reformed Church. That our people may know how carefully the door to the ministry is guarded, we will mention a few ways, in which it is done:—

1.) *By a long course of study.* A young man enters the practice of law, medicine or trade after two or three years' study. Not so here. We want an educated ministry, able to teach others. He shall have 1,) a *classical education* (languages, science, mathematics, history, and philosophy), fitting him to take an intelligent view of the whole world; 2,) *a theological education* (Exegesis, Church history, practical theology, &c.), giving him a broad view of things relating to his office and work.

This is the orphan or missionary box. They are packing it, and have great joy over it; but there will be equal joy at the other end of the story.

2.) *This study is in the Institutions of the Church.* Our Church Colleges and Seminaries are managed by boards. These Boards are elected by the Synods, and annually report to them the condition and work of the Institutions. Indeed the Professors in the Theological Seminary are under oath (Con. Art. 19), rightly to prepare the young men for the ministry.

3.) *By frequent and severe examinations.* The students in the Theological Seminary are examined not only day by day in the class-room, but (1,) annually before the Board of Visitors, (2,) at the close of the course, that the Board may know who to recommend for licensure, and (3,) by the Committee (of Classis or Synod) on Examination and Licensure. These examinations are all public, and relate to orthodoxy, piety, and motives for entering the ministry. If his course has been only partial, the candidate's licensure requires a unanimous vote of the Classis. (Art. 5.)

4.) *By Licensure.* This gives him authority to preach and to accept a call. Before receiving it, however, he must subscribe a very binding obligation (see Art. 4), declaring, as by oath, that he (1,) holds the doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism; (2,) will faithfully preach and defend them; (3,) will comply with the rules and regulations of the Church; (4,) will cheerfully receive and submit to the admonitions and decisions of the Church.

5.) *By Ordination.* To appreciate this, read the solemn ordination service in the Order of Worship, pp. 114–123.

The people may object to his ordination—if he is a minor, of ill report, or without a call.

He is again most solemnly reminded of the responsibility of the work, the divine origin of the office, and warned to approach it with seriousness and godly fear, with solemn forethought and holy caution.

The ordination vows are most solemn. He accepts the Scriptures as the word of God, and his call to the ministry as from God, promising obedience to authority, and faithfulness in his office and work.

6.) *By Self-denial* is the door to the ministry guarded. (1.) No class of men work harder than ministers. Mental labor is more severe and exhausting than physical labor, though people generally do not know it. The brain is the basis of the physical; hence when the brain is tired, feverish, and throbbing, how can the flesh rest? Many a brain-worker goes to bed more tired and exhausted than the common laborer can be.

(2.) No class of men bear more vexations, wrongs, slights, insults, and annoyances; and these things must be borne in quietness. He may grit his teeth, but must keep his mouth shut.

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 All Saints	1 John 1: 2:	7 19	♐ 23	☽ in apo.	♋ 16 6	5 15	9	4 1
Tuesday	2 Victorinus	" 3:	8 16	♑ 5	Sirius rises 11 6	♉ 16 6	5 25	8	4 46
Wednesday	3 Pirminus	" 4:	9 20	♑ 18	♄ sets 10 40	16 6	5 35	7	5 30
Thursday	4 John A. Bengel	" 5:	10 10	♒ 1	☌ ☍ ☉. ♀ sets 5 34	16 6	5 45	6	6 18
Friday	5 Hans Egede	2 John	10 49	♒ 14	☿ in Perihelion. ☌	16 6	5 55	5	7 10
Saturday	6 Gustav. Adolph's	3 John	11 40	♒ 28	6th. ☌ ☽ ♄ [☽ ♄	16 6	6 5	4	7 54

45] *3d Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 6 *min.*

Sunday	7 Willibrord	Rev. 1:	morn.	♓ 12	☿ stationary	16 6	5 75	3	8 42
Monday	8 Willehad	" 2:	12 50	♓ 26	7* south 12 44	16 6	5 85	2	9 30
Tuesday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 3:	2 4	♈ 11	♀ in ♑. ♌.	16 6	5 95	1	10 22
Wednesday	10 Martin Luther	" 4; 5; 6:	3 14	♈ 26	Altair sets 11 12	16 7	0 5	0	11 12
Thursday	11 Martin of Tours	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	4 19	♉ 11	♀ sets 5 33	16 7	1 4	59	12 9
Friday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 9: 13-10; 11:	5 19	♉ 26	□ ♄ ☉. ♄ sts. 11 41	16 7	3 4	57	1 1
Saturday	13 Arcadius	" 12: 13:	☽ rises.	♊ 11	13th. ☽ in per.	15 7	4 4	56	1 55

46] *2d Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 25: 31–46; 2 Thess. 1: 3–10. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.	Rev. 14: 1-13	5 49	♈ 25	♄ sets 10 31	♋ 15 7	5 45	5	2 46
Monday	15 John Kepler	" 14; 14-20	6 44	♉ 9	☿ gr. Elon. West	15 7	6 4	54	3 34
Tuesday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 15:	7 49	♉ 23	☿ rises 6 3	15 7	7 4	53	4 26
Wednesday	17 Bernward	" 16: 1-8	8 59	♊ 6	Aldebaran rises 6 2	15 7	8 4	52	5 16
Thursday	18 Greg. Illummat.	" 16: 9-21	10 1	♊ 19	♄ sets 11 23	15 7	8 4	52	5 58
Friday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 17:	11 10	♋ 2	19. Sirius ris. 10 0	14 7	9 4	51	6 44
Saturday	20 John Williams	" 18:	morn.	♋ 14	♀ sets 5 32	14 7	10 4	50	7 36

47] *1st Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3: 3–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 38 *min.*

Sunday	21 Columbanus	Rev. 19: 1-10	12 12	♋ 26	☌ ♄ ♄. Andromeda so.	14 7	11 4	49	8 24
Monday	22 John Oecolampadius	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	1 13	♌ 8	♍. ☉ enters ♐ [8 12	14 7	12 4	48	9 18
Tuesday	23 Clemens Roman.	" 20: 4-15	2 19	♌ 19	Orion rises 7 22	13 7	13 4	47	10 10
Wednesday	24 John Knox	" 21: 1-8	3 30	♍ 1	♄ sets 11 4	13 7	14 4	46	10 55
Thursday	25 Catharine	" 21; 9-22	4 42	♍ 13	☌ ☿ ♃. H stationary	13 7	15 4	45	11 48
Friday	26 Conrad	Psalm 96:	5 59	♍ 25	☽ ☌ ♃. ☿.	12 7	15 4	45	12 51
Saturday	27 Marg't Blaarer	" 145:	☽ sets.	♎ 7	27th. ♄ sets 10 19	12 7	16 4	44	1 30

48] *1st Sunday in Advent,* Matth. 21: 1–9; Rom. 13: 11–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	28 Alex. Roussell	John 1: 1-14	5 22	♐ 19	☽ in apo. ♃ ris. 5 49. mor.	12 7	17 4	43	2 12
Monday	29 Saturninus	Gen. 2: 4-25	6 20	♑ 2	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 5 48	♉ 11 7	18 4	42	2 52
Tuesday	30 St. Andrew	Matt. 19: 1-12	7 31	♑ 15	Arietis south 9 32	11 7	18 4	42	3 31

(♃) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 4th of this Month, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	6th	day,	4	o'clock, 52 min.	Morning.
Full Moon,	13th	"	4	" 29 "	Morning.
Last Quarter,	19th	"	7	" 37 "	Evening.
New Moon,	27th	"	6	" 44 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, windy; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, cloudy; 11, rain; 12, 13, 14, stormy, cold; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, cold.

(3.) No class of men are more poorly paid. If other men work hard and bear much, they have the satisfaction of laying by something, as the fruit of their care, for a rainy day; but nine-tenths of ministers live from hand to mouth. They can buy no home. Old age and sickness are before them. Their death will leave penniless widows and orphans—God pity them!

These remarks are not a complaint, but a simple statement of facts. It ill becomes a Christian minister to brood over these things as wrongs, to croak over his poverty, and grudgingly give the self denial which he should cheerfully practice. But the statement belongs to the argument.

These forms of self-denial—hard work, great forbearance and poor pay—are a blessed safeguard to the holy office. If things were not so, it would soon be filled by those not earnestly in sympathy with Christ and His cause. But with all this staring him in the face, the young man who now enters the ministry, knowing these things, likely enters from pure motives, makes an earnest worker, and endures "hardness" as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 2: 3.)

So in regard to these "guards" as a whole. He who patiently spends from six to ten years in preparatory study, undergoes the various prescribed examinations, binds himself by most solemn oaths to devote himself entirely to the work of the ministry, and all this in the face of such self-denial as is not found in any other calling,—may well be thought sincere, and will doubtless be a faithful minister.

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THE CHURCH SECURED.

Young men studying for the ministry, but not able to pay their own way, have for years past been aided by the Church. They are called "Beneficiary Students." They are bound by word and honor to enter the holy ministry, and to spend their life in the service of the Church in this capacity, unless disabled.

In some cases young men have proved unfaithful to their sacred trust. Perhaps they turned back before entering the ministry; or, after entering it; or, entered the ministry in another denomination.

In any such case, of course, the young men were bound by every principle of honesty and right to refund to the Church the money they had received; but this was seldom done, and so the Church was grievously wronged. Its money was misspent, its time wasted and its confidence in the work shaken.

Accordingly a change has been made. The Classis of Mercersburg, in 1873, began to place its young men under a bond, with good security, for the payment of every dollar which the Church gives them in case they fail to enter the ministry, or enter it, but fail to labor in it for five years—cases of death or disability excepted. After five years' service, the bond becomes null and void.

In this way the Church can lose nothing from the unfaithfulness of young men, while also faithful young men can lose nothing by coming under such a bond.

Several other Classes have placed also their Beneficiary Students under a similar bond. So the Church is secured in its Beneficiary funds.

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More money is spent for tobacco in the United States than for bread. $350,000,000 for tobacco: $200,000,000 for flour, within the year!

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1875.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1	Eligius	Eph. 5: 22-33	8 32	♑ 28	Sirius rises 9 6 ☋	11	7 19	4 41	4 16
Thursday	2	John Ruysbrock	1 Cor. 7:	9 21	♒ 11	Altair sets 9 32	10	7 19	4 41	5 5
Friday	3	Gerhard Groot	Gen. 3:	10 17	♒ 24	♄ sets 10 40	10	7 20	4 40	5 45
Saturday	4	Gerh. v. Zütphen	Gen. 8: 15-9: 17	10 48	♓ 8	☽ ☌ ♄. ☿. ♁ sets 10 10	10	7 20	4 40	6 33

49] *2d Sunday in Advent,* Luke 21: 25–36; Rom. 15: 4–13. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 min.*

Sunday	5	Crispin	Acts 17: 15-34	11 36	♓ 22	5th. ♀ sets 5 58	9	7 21	4 39	7 22
Monday	6	Nicholas	Gen. 15:	morn.	♈ 6	☊. ♃ rises 5 31	9	7 21	4 39	8 12
Tuesday	7	Paulus Odontius	Deut. 5:	12 58	♈ 20	Regulus rises 10 21	8	7 22	4 38	9 4
Wednesday	8	Mart. Rinkard	Exodus 12:	2 12	♉ 5	☿ in ♑. Orion ris. 6 20	8	7 22	4 38	9 46
Thursday	9	Benj. Schmolk	Deut. 27:	3 30	♉ 20	Fomal sets 9 52	7	7 23	4 37	10 40
Friday	10	Paul Eber	Romans 7:	4 39	♊ 4	7* south 10 29	7	7 23	4 37	11 35
Saturday	11	Hen. v. Zütphen	Leviticus 16:	5 41	♊ 19	♄ sets 10 16	6	7 24	4 36	12 26

50] *3d Sunday in Advent,* Matth. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*

Sunday	12	Vicelin	Is. 40: John 5:	☽ rises.	♋ 3	12th. ☽ in per. ♒	6	7 24	4 36	1 19
Monday	13	Odilia	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	5 26	♋ 17	☿ in Perihelion	5	7 24	4 36	2 0
Tuesday	14	Dioscorus	2 Samuel 7:	6 33	♌ 1	☿ sets 6 8	5	7 24	4 36	2 52
Wednesday	15	*Ember Day*	Joel 3:	7 43	♌ 14	♁ sets 9 58	5	7 25	4 35	3 48
Thursday	16	Adelheid	Jeremiah 23:	8 50	♌ 27	♃ rises 4 52	4	7 25	4 35	4 32
Friday	17	Sturm	" 31:	10 10	♍ 10	Aldebaran south 10 51	4	7 25	4 35	5 16
Saturday	18	Louis v. Seckendorf	Isaiah 52: 13-53	11 21	♍ 22	Arietis south 8 16	3	7 25	4 35	6 6

51] *4th Sunday in Advent,* John 1: 19–31; Phil. 4: 4–7. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	19	Clemens Alexandrinus	John 3: 23-36	morn.	♍ 4	19. ☿ in Aphelion	3	7 25	4 35	6 56
Monday	20	Abraham	Isaiah 42:	12 18	♍ 16	♉. ♄ sets 9 45	2	7 25	4 35	7 48
Tuesday	21	Thomas	" 55:	1 17	♍ 28	♀ sets 6 20	2	7 25	4 35	8 34
Wednesday	22	Hugh McKail	" 58:	2 16	♎ 10	☉ ent. ♑. Shortest day	1	7 26	4 34	9 20
Thursday	23	Anna du Bourg	Isaiah 9: 2-7: Heb. 1:	3 12	♎ 22	Winter commences	1	7 25	4 35	10 12
Friday	24	Adam and Eve	Psalm 2: 1-10:	4 29	♏ 4	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 4 25	sun	7 25	4 35	10 54
Saturday	25	*Christmas*	Isaiah 11: 1-10	5 36	♏ 16	☽ in apo ♁ sets 9 46	sl'w	7 25	4 35	11 41

52] *Sunday after Christmas,* Matth. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–7. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	26	Stephen	Rom. 5: Col. 1:	6 50	♏ 28	☌ ☿ ☉ Superior ☋	1	7 25	4 35	12 35
Monday	27	St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	☽ sets.	♐ 11	27th. ☌ ☽ ☿	1	7 25	4 35	1 29
Tuesday	28	Innocents	" 49:	5 42	♐ 24	Orion south 11 18	2	7 25	4 35	2 19
Wednesday	29	David	Romans 8:	6 50	♑ 4	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 6 30	2	7 25	4 35	3 6
Thursday	30	Christ'n of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	8 10	♑ 21	Sirius south 12 4	3	7 24	4 36	3 46
Friday	31	John Wicliff	Psalm 90: 103:	9 21	♒ 5	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 9 12	3	7 24	4 36	4 2

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	5th day,	8	o'clock, 56 min.	Evening.
Full Moon,	12th "	2	" 45 "	Afternoon.
Last Quarter,	19th "	9	" 55 "	Morning.
New Moon,	27th "	2	" 4 "	Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, rain; 4, 5, 6, clear, cold; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, snow; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, N. W. cold; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, snow; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, cold; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, 31, rain and snow.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

WASHINGTON crossed the Delaware River, on Christmas night, 1777, to surprise the Hessian troops at Trenton, New Jersey. Next day he won a great victory over the enemy.

The Christian Church is a real kingdom. Its laws and authority are from God. To receive men into this Kingdom, and to cast men out, are called opening and shutting the Kingdom of Heaven, by the power of the keys.

Discipline is the exercise of the authority, and the application of the laws, of the Church, as Christ appointed, in order to preserve its purity and honor.

Men become liable to discipline by a wicked life, error in doctrine, or neglect of duty. The degrees of discipline are admonition, suspension, and excommunication.

The penalties of the Church are not civil (fines, imprisonment, &c.), but greater than these, namely, exclusion from Church privileges (Art. 24), the severest punishment possible.

HAS DISCIPLINE ANY FORCE?

Does it really affect the relation of the individual to God? May men snap their finger in the face of the Church, and safely defy its authority?

By no means. The authority of the state is real; so of societies and associations. How then can it be empty and meaningless in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ? Look at it in another light. If reception into the Church is real, valid, and of force, how can discipline be less so?

Its force is seen in the fact, that church officers act *for Christ*, in His name and by His authority (Matt. 18: 18; Rom. 13: 1–5; 1 Cor. 5: 1–13; 2 Thess. 3: 6, 11–15; Luke 10: 16). Discipline is thus simply the exercise of the Kingly office of Christ in the world, and surely not an empty form.

WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF DISCIPLINE?

1) To preserve the purity and honor of the Church. Hence officers have no right to neglect it. The "holy" Church cannot wink at unholiness; nor can it allow stumbling-blocks to endanger souls without, as well as within.

2) For the good of the individual. It is not revenge, but wholesome correction. Like the family rod, the sword of the magistrate, and the medicine of the physician, it leads to spiritual health. Cut off from the Father's table, the man often comes to true hunger.

THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY.

Discipline is not easy. Many hindrances are in the way. The following are some of them:—

1) The painful delicacy of many cases.

2) A lack of moral courage in bringing charges, bearing witness, &c. Many good people want others disciplined, but will not take any of the necessary trouble and responsibility. They want the pastor to do all; that is, they tie his hands by silence, and then tell him to act.

3,) The fear of wronging men. The Church is the most merciful organization in the world—bearing, believing, and hoping all things, carrying men on its hands of kindness and prayer, till forbearance ceases to be a virtue. Its slowness to discipline is

often not neglect but mercy. It gives men every possible chance to return to a better life. But its mercy is often misunderstood; yea, also abused by those who enjoy it.

4) Charges are often hard to prove. Sins are covered, or done where good people do not go. Reports are hard to trace. Many people will circulate charges but not testify on them. The main witnesses are often not members.

5) So many people do not appreciate the authority of the Church, and therefore are indifferent to it, or even defy it. They say, "We will enter another denomination"; and too often they are encouraged in their defiance.

Considering all these difficulties, how unreasonable it is to find so much fault with Church officers in the matter! Often a man is disciplined by admonition or suspension, and very few know anything about it. Suspension need not be made public. Or, perhaps, the man confesses his sin and promises amendment; but of all this men know nothing, and think nothing has been done. Indeed this very man, may, through wickedness and weakness, repeat his sin, and greatly shame the Church; but the officers are not to be blamed.

LESSONS.

1) The necessity of understanding this subject as taught in the Catechism and Constitution. Let it not be slighted in Catechization.

2) The necessity of careful Christian living, lest we become liable to discipline. Let catechumens be well warned.

3) The necessity of humbly, penitently, and earnestly yielding to discipline, in all its degrees, as the voice and authority of God. Be not angry, indifferent, or stubborn, and thus endanger your soul.

4) The necessity of members and officers upholding the good name and holy character of the Church, by godly living and by helping others to a proper life. Report those in danger (not as tale-bearers, but in love); but first yourself try to win them. Especially is this the duty of elders and deacons. How strange to keep these things from the minister.

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What is the difference between Classis and Synod? Between College and Seminary? Between Charge and Congregation? As these words are often wrongly used, it is worth while to study their meaning.

MEETING OF THE CLASSES

Of the Synod of the United States, the Synod of Pittsburgh, and the Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
East Pennsylvania	Lenhardtsville, Berks Co., Pa	May 4th, 1875.
Lebanon	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa	June 3d, 1875.
Philadelphia	Trappe Church, Montgomery Co., Pa	June 11th, 1875.
Goshenhoppen	Sumneytown, Montgomery Co., Pa	June 3d, 1875.
Tohickon	Riegelsville, Pa	June 6th, 1875.
New York	St. John's Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J	June 8th, 1875.
Lancaster	Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa	June 3d, 1875.
East Susquehanna	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa	June 3d, 1875.
West Susquehanna	Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa	May 5th, 1875.
Philadelphia (German)	Zion's Reformed Church, Philadelphia	September 15th, 1874.
Westmoreland	Emanuel Church	June 11th, 1875.
Clarion	Red Bank, Pa	May 6th, 1875.
St. Paul's	Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa	June 6th, 1875.
West New York	Buffalo, N. Y	
Allegheny	Zion's Church, Hiland ave., Pittsburgh	May 2d, 1875.
Somerset	Myersdale, Somerset Co., Pa	May 27th, 1875.
Zion's	Dover, York Co., Pa	June 4th, 1875.
Maryland	Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md	April 29th, 1875.
Mercersburg	Waynesboro', Franklin Co., Pa	April 21st, 1875.
Virginia	Shepherdstown, West Va	April 15th, 1875.
North Carolina	Pleasant Retreat, Davidson Co., N. C	May 6th, 1875.

DEATHS OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1873, TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1874.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
Oscar C. S. Herman	Sept. 1872	——, ——	Kutztown, Pa	Sept. 5th, 1873	25
Samuel Miller	Oct. 12th, 1842	May 10th, 1843	Philadelphia	Oct. 11th, 1873	59
Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D	Sept. 6th, 1825	Sept. 5th, 1826	Chambersburg, Pa	April 19th, 1874	69
John Arduesser	May, 1869	—— —, 1869	Graubunden, Switzerland	May 17th, 1874	30
Christian Kessler	June, 1871	—— —, 1872	Lehighton, Pa	May 26th, 1874	29
Jacob Dahlman	Oct. 12th, 1842	May 10th, 1843	Philadelphia	Aug. 1st, 1874	74

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

The items in the following Table are taken from the latest published Minutes of each Synod.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received on Certificate.	Communed.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Benevolent Contributions.
United States	9	192	427	64,129	32,914	6,900	3,864	1,414	51,031	1	1,138	3,018	459	27,084	33	$41,101.67
Ohio	10	144	338	23,083	12,778	2,118	1,434	667	18,794	195	306	526	227	16,188	8	12,767.02
North-West	8	109	179	12,717	10,877	1,463	786	1,001	10,681	52	176	420	133	6,810	2	8,486.95
Pittsburgh	6	60	133	10,276	8,936	1,044	583	267	8,613	11	137	380	104	5,840	...	11,157.89
Potomac	5	92	248	25,587	16,744	1,984	1,123	411	21,887	14	269	859	214	13,210	24	12,724.92
Total	38	597	1,325	135,792	82,249	13,509	7,790	3,760	111,006	273	2,026	5,203	1,137	69,132	67	$86,238.45

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
English—			
Reformed Church Messenger	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Weekly	1827.
Christian World	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.	"	1848.
Reformed Missionary	Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa.	Monthly	1860.
The Guardian	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	"	1850.
Child's Treasury	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1859.
Mercersburg Review	" " " "	Quarterly	1849.
Our Church Paper	82 Third Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.	Every other week	1873.
Reformed Church Herald	Bethlehem, Pa.	Monthly	1873.
College Days	Lancaster, Pa.	"	1873.
Heidelberg Teacher	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.	"	1873.
Leaves of Light	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1873.
German—			
Reformirte Kirchenzeitung	1300 N. Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Weekly	1838.
Der Evangelist	Cleveland, Ohio.	"	1856.
Reformirte Hausfreund	Reading, Pa.	Every other week	1866.
Der Lammerhirte	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Monthly	1859.
Morgen-Stern	Cleveland, Ohio.	"	1863.

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

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Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster, Pa.	JOHN W. NEVIN, D. D., LL. D.
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Catawba College	Newtown, N. C.	Rev. J. C. CLAPP, A. M.
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Palatinate College	Meyerstown, Lebanon County, Pa.	Rev. G. W. AUGHINBAUGH, D. D.
Greensburg Female Collegiate Institute	Greensburg, Pa.	Rev. LUCIAN CORT, A. M.
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Calvin Institute	Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. F. FORWICK.
Blairstown Academy	Blairstown, Benton County, Iowa.	SAMUEL T. WAGNER, A. B.
Shelby College	Shelbyville, Illinois.	Rev. S. P. MEYERS.
Eastern Theological Seminary	Lancaster, Pa.	E. V. GERHART, D. D.
Western Theological Seminary	Tiffin, Ohio.	J. H. GOOD, D. D.
Mission House	Howard's Grove, Wisconsin	J. BOSSARD, D. D.
Allentown Female College	Allentown, Pa.	Rev. W. R. HOFFORD, A. M.
St. John's Select School	Knoxville, Md.	Rev. G. L. STALEY, D. D.

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LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.	Rev. D. B. ALBRIGHT.	85
Butler, Butler County, Pa.	Rev. J. B. THOMPSON.	45

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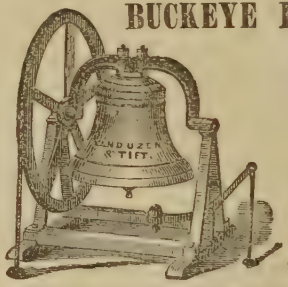

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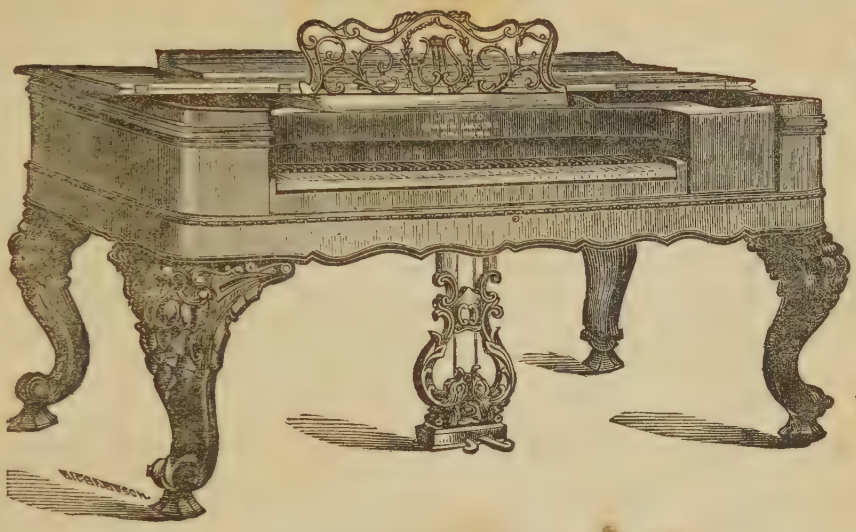

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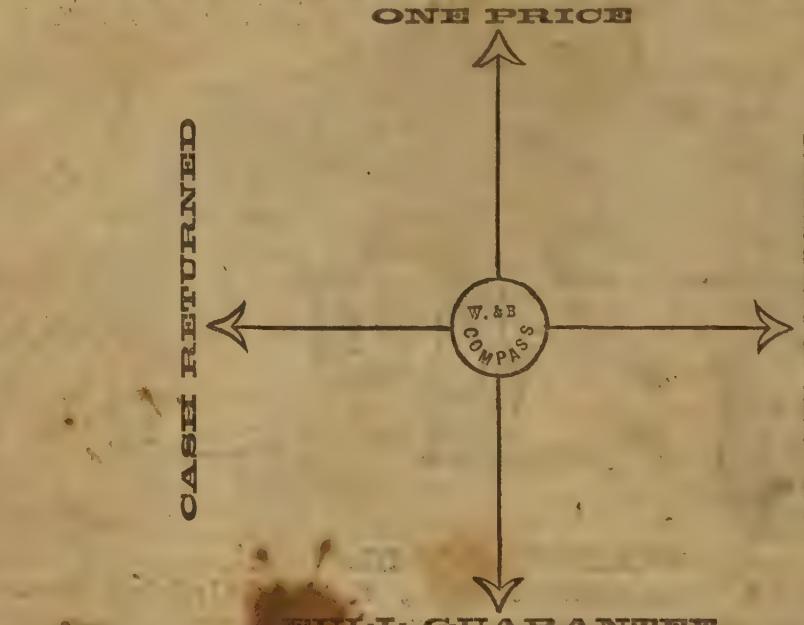

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MOON'S SIGNS.		SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.			PLANETS AND ASPECTS.	
New Moon.	Full Moon.	♈ Ram.	♌ Lion.	♐ Bowman.	♄ Saturn.	♀ Venus.
First Quarter.	Last Quarter.	♉ Bull.	♍ Virgin.	♑ Goat.	♃ Jupiter.	☿ Mercury.
		♊ Twins.	♎ Balance.	♒ Waterman.	♂ Mars.	☽ Moon.
		♋ Cancer.	♏ Scorpion.	♓ Fishes.	☉ Sun.	♅ Herschel.

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. | □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. | △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

The Latin Names of the Signs of the Zodiac are:

Aries (Ram), Taurus (Bull), Gemini (Twins), Cancer (Crab), Leo (Lion), Virgo (Virgin), Libra (Balance), Scorpio (Scorpion), Sagittarius (Bowman), Capricornus (Goat), Aquarius (Waterman), Pisces (Fishes).

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letters, B. A. Golden Number, 15. Epact, 4. Solar Cycle, 9. Roman Indiction, 4. Julian Period, 6589.

The Jewish Era commences with their year 5637, September 19th, 1876.

The Mohammedan Era commences with their year 1293, January 28th, 1876.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 13.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 27.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 29.
Ash Wednesday, March 1.
Palm Sunday, April 9.
Easter Sunday, April 16.
Ascension or Holy Thursday, May [25.
Whit Sunday, June 4.
Trinity Sunday, June 11.
Corpus Christi, June 15.
First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 3.
Sundays after Trinity are 24.

THE EMBER DAYS.

March 8. June 7. September 20. December 20.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, ☉ enters ♈ March 20th, 1 o'clock, 20 min. Morning.
Summer Solstice, " " ♋ June 20th, 10 " 18 " Evening.
Autumnal Equinox, " " ♎ Sept. 22d, 12 " 10 " Afternoon.
Winter Solstice, " " ♑ Dec. 21st, 6 " 22 " Morning.

(♂) Mars is called the Governing Planet.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1876.

There will be four Eclipses, two of the Sun, and two of the Moon. The First is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, March 10th, 1 o'clock 20 min. in the morning, visible.

Begins 12 o'clock 22 min. Morning.
Middle 1 " 23 " Morning.
Ends 2 " 22 " Morning.

Duration 2 hours. The Moon will be Eclipsed over 3 Digits on the Southern Part.

The second is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, Mar. 25th, 4 o'clock 50 min. in the afternoon; visible here as a Partial Eclipse.

Begins 2 o'clock 56 min. Afternoon.
Middle 4 " 52 " Afternoon.
Ends 5 " 33 " Evening.

Duration 1 hour 37 min. The Sun will be Eclipsed 3¼ Digits on the Northern Part.

The third is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, Sept. 3d, 4 o'clock 21 min. in the afternoon, therefore invisible here.

The fourth is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, Sept. 17th, 5 o'clock 19 min. in the evening. Invisible in the United States; visible in the Northern and Southern Pacific Ocean, and Australia.

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JANUARY. *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 *New Year.*	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	10 10	♒ 17	☿ sets 6 40 ♃	4 7	23 4 37		5 10
]	*Sunday after New Year,*	Luke 2; 33–40: Rom. 6: 12–18.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday	2 Martyrs H Scrip	John 1: 29–34	10 51	♈ 1	♂ ☽ ♄ ☉ in Perigee	4 7	23 4 37	6	4
Monday	3 Gordius	" 1: 38–51	11 40	♈ 15	♄ sets 9 43	5 7	23 4 37	6	50
Tuesday	4 Titus	" 2:	morn.	♈ 29	4th. ♄ sets 8 50 ☊.	5 7	22 4 38	7	46
Wednesday	5 Simeon	" 3:	12 51	♉ 14	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	6 7	22 4 38	8	39
Thursday	6 *Epiphany.*	" 4:	1 59	♉ 28	♃ rises 3 44	6 7	21 4 39	9	32
Friday	7 Widukind	" 5:	3 0	♊ 12	☿ sets 6 59	7 7	21 4 39	10	26
Saturday	8 Severinus	" 6: 1–25	4 12	♊ 26	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♏.	7 7	20 4 40	11	20
]	1st *Sunday after Epiphany,*	Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min.*				
Sunday	9 Catharine Zell	John 6: 26–71	5 22	♋ 10	☽ in per. ♄ sets 8 10	8 7	20 4 40	12	12
Monday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 7:	6 19	♋ 24	Aldebaran south 8 59	8 7	19 4 41	1	2
Tuesday	11 Fructuosus	" 8: 1–20	☽ rises.	♌ 7	11th. Neptune sta.	8 7	19 4 41	1	42
Wednesday	12 Jean Chastellian	" 8: 21–50	6 26	♌ 20	Rigel south 9 31.	9 7	18 4 42	2	34
Thursday	13 Hilary	" 9:	7 31	♍ 3	♃ rises 3 0	9 7	17 4 43	3	22
Friday	14 Felix	" 10: 1–21	8 46	♎ 16	♄ sets 9 37.	9 7	16 4 44	4	12
Saturday	15 John de Laski	" 10: 22–42	9 39	♏ 28	Orion south 10 1	10 7	15 4 45	4	49
]	2d *Sunday after Epiphany,*	John 2: 1–11; Rom. xii. 6–16.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 32 min.*				
Sunday	16 Geo. Spalatine	Mark 1: 1-20	10 29	♐ 10	♄ sets 7 41 ♉.	10 7	14 4 46	5	35
Monday	17 Anthony	" 1: 21-45	11 27	♐ 21	♂ ☿ ♄. ☿ sets 7 9	10 7	14 4 46	6	24
Tuesday	18 John Blackader	" 2:	morn.	♑ 3	18th. Orion s. 9 52	11 7	13 4 47	7	11
Wednesday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 3: 1-19	12 24	♑ 15	Sirius south 10 32	11 7	12 4 48	7	49
Thursday	20 Fabian	" 3: 20-35	1 25	♑ 27	□ Neptune ☉ ♂ ☽ ♃.	11 7	11 4 49	8	36
Friday	21 Agnes	" 4:	2 27	♒ 9	♃ rises 2 19 [☉ ent. ♒	12 7	10 4 50	9	24
Saturday	22 Vincent	" 5: 6: 1-6	3 30	♒ 22	☽ in apo. 7* so. 7 21	12 7	9 4 51	10	14
]	3d *Sunday after Epiphany,*	Matth. 8: 1–13; Rom. 12: 17–21.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min.*				
Sunday	23 Isaiah	Mark 6: 7-29	4 34	♓ 5	♄ sets 9 29 ♃	12 7	8 4 52	11	8
Monday	24 Timothy	" 6: 30-56	5 31	♓ 18	Spica rises 11 25	12 7	7 4 53	11	48
Tuesday	25 *Paul's Convers.*	" 7: 1-23	6 24	♈ 1	♄ sets 6 59	13 7	6 4 54	12	40
Wednesday	26 Polycarp	" 7: 24-37	☽ sets.	♈ 15	26th. ☿ sets 5 49	13 7	5 4 55	1	32
Thursday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 8:	6 12	♈ 29	☿ in ☊ ☽ ♂ ☿ ♄	13 7	4 4 56	2	16
Friday	28 Charlemagne	" 9:	7 10	♉ 13	☿ gr. elon. east. ♂ ☿ ♄	13 7	3 4 57	3	6
Saturday	29 Juventin	" 10: 1-31	8 9	♉ 28	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ sets 7 40	13 7	2 4 58	3	48
]	4th *Sunday after Epiphany,*	Matth. 8: 23–27; Rom. xiii. 1–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 58 min.*				
Sunday	30 Henry Müller	Matth. 3:	9 2	♈ 12	☊. ♃ rises 1 46	14 7	1 4 59	4	34
Monday	31 Hans Sachs	" 4: 1-22	10 1	♈ 26	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 9 26	14 7	0 5 0	5	22

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th day, 10 o'clock, 22 min. Forenoon.
Full Moon, 11th " 1 " 21 " Morning.
Last Quarter, 18th " 3 " 48 " Morning.
New Moon, 26th " 8 " 40 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, 10, snow; 11, 12, 13, cold; 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, snow; 18, 19, 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, 24, cloudy, with snow; 25, 26, coldest days; 27, 28, snow; 29, 30, 31, variable.

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Make oblations rich and rare;
See them give in deep devotion,
Gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning!
Incense doth their God disclose;
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth;
Myrrh His sepulchre foreshows."

EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

This list contains only such items as are of general interest, and follow, in the main, a chronological order, running from July 1st, 1874, to July 1st, 1875.

1.) Zion Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., celebrated its Centennial.

2.) Westmoreland Classis erected a monument over the grave of the pioneer, Rev. John W. Weber.

3.) The Board of Missions received a bequest of $3,300 for missions in the west, from Mrs. Elizabeth Lock.

4.) The German Maryland Classis was organized, June 16th, 1874.

5.) San Francisco Classis was organize Sept. 10th, 1874.

6.) The first Reformed Church organize in Oregon by Rev. John Gantenbein, Advent, 1874.

7.) Col. B. Wiestling donated $2000 Mercersburg College.

8.) A Union Conference with the R formed (Dutch) Church in America, held Philadelphia, Nov. 1874.

9.) The *Mercersburg Review* passed fro the Board of Publication into private hand January 1st, 1875.

10.) The *Reformed Church Messenger* w reduced from sixteen pages to four.

11.) A Sunday-school department opene in the *Guardian.*

12.) Lesson Papers on the Gospels pu lished for our Sunday-schools.

13.) "Hymns for the Reformed Church approved by the Eastern Synod, and intr duced into the churches.

14) "Our Church Paper" changed i name to "The Reformed Era."

15.) The Eastern German Synod orga ized in Philadelphia, January, 1875.

16.) "Seeking and Finding" published by t Publication Board.

17.) The Semi-centennial of the Theologic Seminary at Lancaster, celebrated in March, 187 and the "Semi-centennial Register" issued.

18.) The Audenried Professorship of Histo and Archæology, in Franklin and Marshall Co lege, filled by the election, and acceptance, of Re Jos. H. Dubbs.

19.) Cincinnati Classis organized, March, 187 in the Ohio Synod.

20.) A German edition of Bausman's "Sin and Zion" issued.

21.) The General Synod held its fifth trienni sessions, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

22.) $1000 bequeathed by Miss Maria Wanne of Reading, Pa., to the Theological Seminary Lancaster, Pa.

23.) The "Reformed Kirchenzeitung," Philadelphia, Pa., united with "Der Evangelist of Cleveland, Ohio.

24.) "College Times" issued at Tiffin, Ohi for Heidelberg College.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1	Ignatius	Matt. 4: 23-5: 1-12	11 0	♋ 10	♀ sets 7 44 ☋	14	6 59	5 1	6 8
Wednesday	2	*Candle Mass*	" 5: 13–32	morn.	♋ 24	2d. ♄ sets 6 36	14	6 58	5 2	6 48
Thursday	3	Ansgar	" 5: 32–48	12 54	♌ 7	☿ stationary	14	6 57	5 3	7 42
Friday	4	Rhaban. Maurus	" 6:	2 12	♌ 21	♃ rises 1 30 [☊	14	6 56	5 4	8 39
Saturday	5	P. S. Spener	" 7:	3 14	♍ 5	♁ in ☌. Arctur ris. 9 41	14	6 55	5 5	9 37
]		*5th Sunday after Epiphany,*	Matth. 13: 24–30; Col. 3: 12–17.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 12 *min.*				
Sunday	6	Amandus	Matt. 8: 1–17	4 18	♍ 18	♁ sets 9 16	14	6 54	5 6	10 35
Monday	7	George Wagner	" 8: 17–34	5 19	♎ 1	☽ in per. ☿ ☌ ☉	14	6 53	5 7	11 33
Tuesday	8	Maria Andrea	" 9:	6 23	♎ 15	Rigel south 7 40	14	6 51	5 9	12 30
Wednesday	9	John Hooper	" 10:	☽ rises.	♏ 27	9th. ♀ sets 7 56	15	6 50	5 10	1 29
Thursday	10	F. C. Oetinger	" 11:	6 20	♏ 10	♄ sets 6 9	15	6 49	5 11	2 10
Friday	11	H. de St. Victor	" 12:	7 22	♐ 22	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	15	6 48	5 12	2 50
Saturday	12	Lady Jane Grey	" 13:	8 24	♑ 5	☊. ♃ rises 12 59	15	6 47	5 13	3 45
]		*Septuagesima Sunday,*	Matth. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–27—10: 1–5.			*Day's Length,* 10 *h.* 30 *m.*				
Sunday	13	C. F. Schwartz	Luke 3:	9 27	♑ 17	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior	14	6 45	5 15	4 33
Monday	14	Brun of Querfurt	" 4:	10 29	♑ 29	Orion south 7 55	14	6 44	5 16	5 22
Tuesday	15	Jacob von Loh	" 5:	11 32	♒ 10	♀ sets 8 8	14	6 43	5 17	6 11
Wednesday	16	Matth. Desübas	" 6: 1–19	morn.	♒ 22	16th. ♁ sets 9 9	14	6 42	5 18	6 46
Thursday	17	Pat. Hamilton	" 6: 20–49	12 18	♓ 4	☽ ☽ ♃. ♂ ♄ ☉	14	6 41	5 19	7 34
Friday	18	Simeon of Jerus.	" 7:	1 17	♓ 16	☽ in apo. ♃ ris. 12 29	14	6 40	5 20	8 21
Saturday	19	Mesrob	" 8:	2 10	♓ 28	□ ♃ ☉. ☉ enters ♓ ☋	14	6 38	5 22	9 12
]		*Sexagesima Sunday,*	Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 19–33—12: 1–9.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 46 *min.*				
Sunday	20	Sadoth	Luke 9: 1–36	3 4	♈ 10	♀ sets 8 19	14	6 37	5 23	9 54
Monday	21	Mainrad	" 9: 37–62	3 44	♈ 23	Sirius south 8 18	14	6 36	5 24	10 45
Tuesday	22	*Washington B.*	" 10:	4 34	♉ 7	Spica rises 9 28	14	6 34	5 26	11 30
Wednesday	23	B. Ziegenbalg	" 11: 1–36	5 21	♉ 20	♂ ☽ ☿. Rigel so. 6 42	14	6 33	5 27	12 16
Thursday	24	Matthias	" 11: 37-12: 1-13	6 19	♊ 3	♂ ☽ ♄. ♃ rises 12 16	13	6 32	5 28	1 4
Friday	25	Casp. Olevianus	" 12: 13–59	☽ sets.	♊ 17	25th. ☿ stationary	13	6 30	5 30	1 43
Saturday	26	Berthold Haller	" 13: 1–21	7 12	♊ 28	☊. 7* sets 12 30	13	6 29	5 31	2 31
]		*Quinquagesima Sunday,*	Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–13.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 4 *min.*				
Sunday	27	Martin Bucer	Lu. 13: 22–35	8 10	♋ 11	Antares rises 2 13	13	6 28	5 32	3 18
Monday	28	Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 14:	9 5	♋ 24	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 8 39	13	6 27	5 33	4 9
Tuesday	29	*Shrove Tuesday*	" 15:	9 54	♌ 8	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ sets 9 0	13	6 26	5 34	5 2

(♀) Venus is Evening Star till the 14th of July; then Morning Star to the end of the year.
(♄) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun, the 17th of this Month, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

rst Quarter,	2d	day, 8	o'clock, 52	min. Evening.
ull Moon,	9th	" 12	" 45	" Afternoon.
ast Quarter,	16th	" 11	" 51	" Evening.
ew Moon,	25th	" 1	" 18	" Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, N. W. cold; 4, 5, snow; 6, 7, 8, clear and cold; 9, 10, snow; 11, 12, rain and snow; 13, 14, cold; 15, 16, 17, 18, N. W. cold; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, 23, stormy; 24, 25, fair; 16, 27, rain; 28, 29, N. W. cold.

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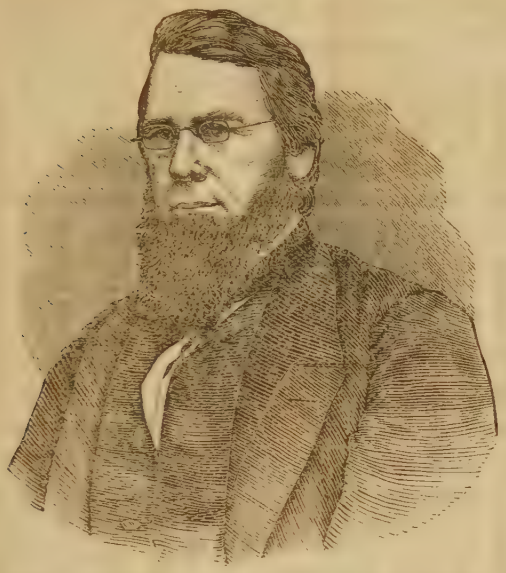

HENRY HARBAUGH needs no introduction to people of the Reformed Church. He is widely known among them through his various writings. He is virtually the father of our Church Almanac, having edited the first five issues—from 1864 to 1863 inclusive.

FEBRUARY.

In an almanac published at Cambridge, England, 1636, the following appears:

"April, June, and September,
Thirty days have, as November:
Each month else doth never vary
From thirty-one, save February;
Which twenty-eight doth still confine,
Save on leap year, then twenty-nine."

And in Grafton's *Abridgement of the Chronicles of Englande*, dated 1570, are the following lines:

"Thirty dayes hath November,
April, June, and September;
February hath xxviij alone,
And all the rest haue xxxi."

READ THEM.

Fail not to read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, this Centennial year. Thousands of our people have never read them.

In fact many have never read the Constitution of the Reformed Church. Read this too, this year.

THE GERMAN WATCHMAN'S SONG.

FROM THE GERMAN.

Among the watchmen in Germany a singular custom prevails of chanting devotional hymns, as well as songs of national or amusing character, during the night, the several stanzas being chanted as the hours of the night are announced.

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of eight, good sirs, has struck.
Eight souls alone from death were kept
When God the earth with deluge swept.

Unless the Lord to guard us deign,
Man wakes and watches all in vain.
Lord! through Thine all-prevailing might,
Do Thou vouchsafe us a good night!

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of nine, good sirs, has struck.
Nine lepers cleansed returned not;
Be not thy blessings, man, forgot!—Unless the Lord, &c.

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of ten, good sirs, has struck.
Ten precepts show God's holy will;
O, may we prove obedient still!—Unless the Lord, &c.

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of eleven, good sirs, has struck.
Eleven apostles remained true;
May we be like that faithful few!—Unless the Lord, &c.

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of twelve, good sirs, has struck.
Twelve is of Time the boundary;
Man, think upon Eternity!—Unless the Lord, &c.

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of one, good sirs, has struck.
One God alone reigns over all;
Naught can without His will befall.—Unless the Lord, &c.

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of two, good sirs, has struck.
Two ways to walk has man been given;
Teach me the right, the path to heaven.—Unless the Lord, &c.

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of three, good sirs, has struck.
God three in one, exalted most,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.—Unless the Lord, &c.

Hark, while I sing!—our village clock
The hour of four, good sirs, has struck.
Four seasons crown the farmer's care;
Thy heart with equal toil prepare!

Up, up!—awake, nor slumber on!
The morn approaches, night is gone!
Thank God, who, by His power and might,
Has watched and kept us through the night.

MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 *Ash Wednesday*	Luke 16:	11 11	♋ 22	☿ in ♌. ♃ ris. 11 59 ☋	136	256	535	5 40
Thursday	2 John Wesley	" 17: 1-19	morn.	♌ 5	Sirius south 7 45	126	246	536	6 20
Friday	3 Bathilde	" 17: 20-37	12 33	♌ 18	3d. ♄ sets 8 58	126	236	537	6 59
Saturday	4 George Wishart	" 18: 1-30	1 44	♋ 2	☿ sets 8 56 ♎	126	216	539	7 54

10] *1st Sunday in Lent,* Matth. 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 20 *min.*

Sunday	5 Thomas Aquinas	Luke 18:31-19;1-28	2 40	♋ 16	☽ in per. ♄ rises 5 41	126	206	540	8 48
Monday	6 Fridolin	" 19:29-20;1-18	3 21	♋ 29	☿ in ♌. Spica ris. 8 44	126	196	541	9 47
Tuesday	7 Perpetua	" 20:19-21; 1-4	4 10	♌ 12	Castor south 8 13	116	176	543	10 46
Wednesday	8 *Emberday*	" 21: 5-35	5 6	♌ 25	♃ rises 11 46	116	165	544	11 46
Thursday	9 Cyrillus	" 22: 1-30	5 59	♍ 7	☿ rises 5 24	116	155	545	12 45
Friday	10 40 Marts. at Sebaste	" 22: 31-71	☽ rises.	♍ 19	10th. ☽ Eclipsed, visible. ♉	116	135	547	1 44
Saturday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 23:	7 22	♎ 2	Orion south 6 21	106	125	548	2 32

11] *2d Sunday in Lent,* Matth. 15: 21–28; 1 Thess. 4: 18. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 38 *min.*

Sunday	12 Greg. the Great	Mark 10:32-52	8 24	♎ 14	☿ sets 9 10	106	115	549	3 16
Monday	13 Rudericus	" 11:	9 26	♎ 26	♄ sets. 8 49	106	105	550	4 6
Tuesday	14 Matilda	" 12:	10 29	♏ 7	♄ rises 5 12	96	85	552	4 42
Wednesday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 13:	11 33	♏ 19	♂ ☽ ☌ ♃ rises 11 36	96	75	553	5 30
Thursday	16 Heribert	" 14: 1-54	morn.	♐ 1	☿ in Aphelion	96	65	554	6 16
Friday	17 St. Patrick	" 14:55-15; 1-15	12 37	♐ 13	17th. ☽ in apo.	96	45	556	7 4
Saturday	18 Alexander	" 15:16-47	1 21	♐ 25	♂ ☿ ♄ ☋	86	35	557	7 42

12] *3d Sunday in Lent,* Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 56 *min.*

Sunday	19 Mary. & Martha	Matth. 20: 17-33.	2 11	♐ 8	☿ sets 9 29	86	25	558	8 31
Monday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 21:	2 59	♑ 21	☉ ent. ♈. Day and Night equal	86	06	60	9 14
Tuesday	21 Benedict	" 22:	3 42	♒ 4	Spring commences	75	596	1	10 7
Wednesday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 23:	4 19	♒ 17	♃ rises 11 26	75	586	2	10 50
Thursday	23 Wolfgang	" 24: 1-31	4 51	♓ 1	☽ ♂ ♄ ☿	75	566	4	11 42
Frdaiy	24 Florentius	" 24: 32-51	5 16	♓ 15	♄ rises 4 42	65	556	5	12 36
Sturdaay	25 Ann. V. Mary	" 25:	☽ sets.	♈ 0	25th. ☉ Eclipsed, visible. ♌	65	546	6	1 28

13] *4th Sunday in Lent,* John 6: 1–14; Gal. iv. 21–31. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 16 *min.*

Sunday	26 Lindger	Matth. 26: 1-13	7 20	♈ 15	Sirius sets 11 18	65	526	8	2 14
Monday	27 Rupertus	" 26: 14-35	8 38	♉ 0	7* sets 10 55	65	516	9	2 56
Tuesday	28 John von Goch	" 26: 36-56	9 56	♉ 15	☽ ♂ ☿ ♄. ☿ sets 9 49	55	506	10	3 42
Wednesday	29 Eustatius	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	10 59	♊ 1	♂ ☿ ♄. ♄ 8 45	55	486	12	4 32
Thursday	30 John Heermann	" 27: 3-31	morn.	♊ 15	☽ in per. ♃ ris. 11 16	55	476	13	5 16
Friday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 27: 32-50	12 10	♋ 0	Rigel sets 10 58 ♎	45	466	14	6 8

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 3d day, 4 o'clock, 45 min. Morning.
Full Moon, 10th " 1 " 10 " Morning.
Last Quarter, 17th " 8 " 22 " Evening.
New Moon, 25th " 8 " 10 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear, cold; 3, 4, snow; 5, 6, 7, 8, N. W. cold; 9, 10, cloudy; 11, 12, rain and snow; 13, 14, 15, N. W. cold; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26. 27, stormy, rainy; 28, 29, 30, 31, fair.

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WASHINGTON'S INAUGURATION.

It took place, not on the 4th of March, but on the 30th of April, 1789. New York was the seat of Government at that time, and, of course, the inauguration took place there. An old paper says:

"The oath of office was administered upon the terrace in front of the Ancient City Hall at the head of Broad Street, by Chancellor Livingston, dressed in a full suit of black. The Secretary of the Senate held the Bible upon a rich cushion of crimson velvet. The man on whom all eyes were fixed, stretched forth his hand with simplicity and dignity. The oath was administered. The Bible was raised, and his head bowed upon it to kiss the sacred volume.

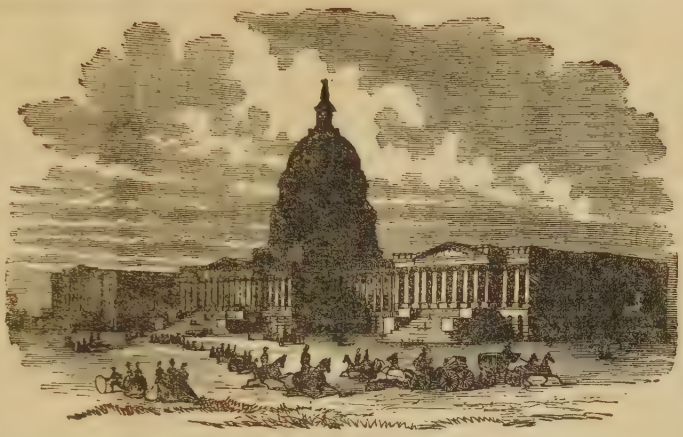
The Chancellor then proclaimed that it was done, in a full, distinct voice, and in the following words:

"Long live George Washington, President of the United States!"

The silence of thousands was at an end—the air was rent with acclamations, bursting from the hearts and tongues of men who felt that the happiness of themselves, their posterity, and their country, was secure.

From the Hall, the President, Vice-President, the members of both houses of Congress, and a large concourse of people, proceeded to Trinity Church, where the august ceremonies of the day were closed by solemn religious services, conducted by Bishop Provost."

Times and men have changed. Instead of "solemn religious services," our Presidential inaugurations are now closed with a grand ball! That man would be laughed at, who to-day would propose the old way. But is it not far better, and more becoming than the new?



THE CAPITOL OF THE COUNTRY.

The Colonial Congress met in Philadelphia up to the year 1784, when it removed to New York, where it remained for six years. Then again it met in Philadelphia from 1790 to 1800, when Washington, D. C., became the fixed seat of Government. The place was then a wilderness.

THE FOURTH OF MARCH.

"Some think that the President of the United States is inaugurated on the Fourth of March because it never falls on Sunday in inauguration year. But this is a mistake. Inauguration Day fell on Sunday in 1821 and 1849, and it will again fall on Sunday in 1877, 1917, 1945, 1973, 2001, &c. It occurs at regular intervals of 28 years, except when passing a centennial year which is no Leap year, when the interval is 40 years. It is equally true of any other day in March."

BROTHER JONATHAN.

The term Brother Jonathan, as applied to the United States, originated in a playful remark of Washington. The incident is this:

When General Washington, after being appointed commander of the army of the Revolutionary War, went to Massachusetts to organize it, he found a great want of ammunition and other means of defence, and on one occasion it seemed that no means could be devised for the necessary safety. Jonathan Trumbull, the elder, was then governor of the State of Connecticut, and the general, placing the greatest reliance on his excellency's judgment, remarked, "We must consult Brother Jonathan on the subject."

The general did so, and the governor was successful in supplying many of the wants of the army; and thenceforward, when difficulties arose, and the army was spread over the country, it became a by-phrase, "We must consult Brother Jonathan;" and the name has now become a designation for the whole country, as "John Bull" has for England.—*Selected.*

APRIL, *4th Month, 30 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1	Fritigild	Matt. 27: 51-56	1 24	13	☽ 1st, ♀ sets 9 58	4 5	4 4	6 16	6 48
14] *5th Sunday in Lent,*			John 8: 46–59;	Heb. 9: 11–15.		*Day's Length, 12 hours, 34 min.*				
Sunday	2	Theodosia	John 11:	2 30	26	7* sets 10 24	4 5	4 3	6 17	7 42
Monday	3	Gerh. Tersteegen	" 12:	3 11	9	♀ in Perihelion	3 5	4 2	6 18	8 38
Tuesday	4	Ambrose	" 13: 1-30	3 44	22	♄ rises 4 8	3 5	4 1	6 19	9 34
Wednesday	5	Christ. Scriver.	" 13: 31-14:	4 15	4	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 5	3 9	6 21	10 31
Thursday	6	Albert Durer	" 15:	4 46	16	♁ sets 8 39	2 5	3 8	6 22	11 30
Friday	7	Olaus Peterson	" 16:	5 16	28	♂. ♃ rises 11 4	2 5	3 7	6 23	12 29
Saturday	8	Mart. Chemnitz	" 17:	☽ rises.	10	8th. Sirius st. 10 32	2 5	3 6	6 24	1 27
15] *Palm Sunday,*			John 12: 1–16;	Phil. 2: 5–11.		*Day's Length, 12 hours, 52 min.*				
Sunday	9	Thos. v. Westen	Lam. Jeremiah	7 35	22	♀ sets 10 14	2 5	3 4	6 26	2 12
Monday	10	Fulbert	Heb. 8:	8 40	4	♄ rises 3 50	1 5	3 3	6 27	2 56
Tuesday	11	Leo the Great	" 9:	9 49	16	Regulus south 8 41	1 5	3 2	6 28	3 42
Wednesday	12	Sabas	" 10:	10 58	28	♁ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 10 56	1 5	3 1	6 29	4 34
Thursday	13	*Maunday Thurs.*	John 6:	11 57	10	Wega rises 8 52 [10 27	1 5	2 9	6 31	5 26
Friday	14	*Good Friday.*	Luke 23: 32-49	morn.	22	☽ in apo. Antares rises	0 5	2 8	6 32	6 13
Saturday	15	Simon Dach	Heb. 4:	12 50	4	Rigel sets 10 1 ☋ apo	5	2 7	6 33	7 6
16] *Easter Sunday,*			John 20: 1–10;	Col. 3: 1–11.		*Day's Length, 13 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	16	*Easter Sunday*	John 20: 1-18	1 31	16	16th. ♁ sets 8 34	fast 5	2 5	6 35	7 46
Monday	17	*Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1-12	2 9	29	Orion sets 10 32	0 5	2 4	6 36	8 33
Tuesday	18	Luther at Worms	Acts 2: 22-47	2 39	12	♀ sets 10 35	1 5	2 3	6 37	9 18
Wednesday	19	Melancthon	1 Cor. 15:	2 59	25	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 3 29	1 5	2 2	6 38	10 9
Thursday	20	John Bugenhag	Romans 6:	3 29	9	☉ enters ♉	1 5	2 0	6 40	10 49
Friday	21	Anselm of Cant.	' 8:	3 59	24	♃ rises 10 29 [tune ☉	1 5	1 9	6 41	11 30
Saturday	22	Origen	1 Cor. 3:	4 29	9	☊. ♂ ☿ ☉ Sup. ♂ Nep-	2 5	1 8	6 42	12 16
17] *1st Sunday after Easter,*			John 20: 19–31;	1 John 5: 4–10.		*Day's Length, 13 hours, 26 min.*				
Sunday	23	Adalbert	John 1:	4 55	24	7* sets 9 3	2 5	1 7	6 43	1 0
Monday	24	Wilfrid	" 2:	☽ sets.	9	24th. ♂ ☽ ☿	2 5	1 6	6 44	1 40
Tuesday	25	St. Mark, Evan.	" 3:	8 39	24	♄ rises 3 10 [N. ♂ ☽ ♁	2 5	1 5	6 45	2 18
Wednesday	26	Trudpert	" 4:	9 20	9	☽ in per. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat.	2 5	1 4	6 46	3 8
Thursday	27	Otto Catelin	" 5:	10 16	24	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 10 46	2 5	1 2	6 48	3 46
Friday	28	Fred. Myconius	" 6: 1-40	11 12	8	♁ sets 8 30 [♓	3 5	1 1	6 49	4 34
Saturday	29	L. von Berquin	" 6: 41-71	morn.	22	☿ in Perihelion	3 5	1 0	6 50	5 22
18] *2d Sunday after Easter,*			John 10: 11–16;	1 Pet. 2: 20–25.		*Day's Length, 13 hours, 42 min.*				
Sunday	30	Geo. Calixtus	John 7:	12 39	6	☽ 30th. ♃ rises 9 44	3 5	9	6 51	6 12

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st day,	11 o'clock,	9 min.	Forenoon.
Full Moon,	8th "	2 "	36 "	Afternoon.
Last Quarter,	16th "	3 "	35 "	Afternoon.
New Moon,	24th "	2 "	1 "	Morning.
First Quarter,	30th "	5 "	24 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, cloudy, with rain; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, thunder showers; 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, clear.

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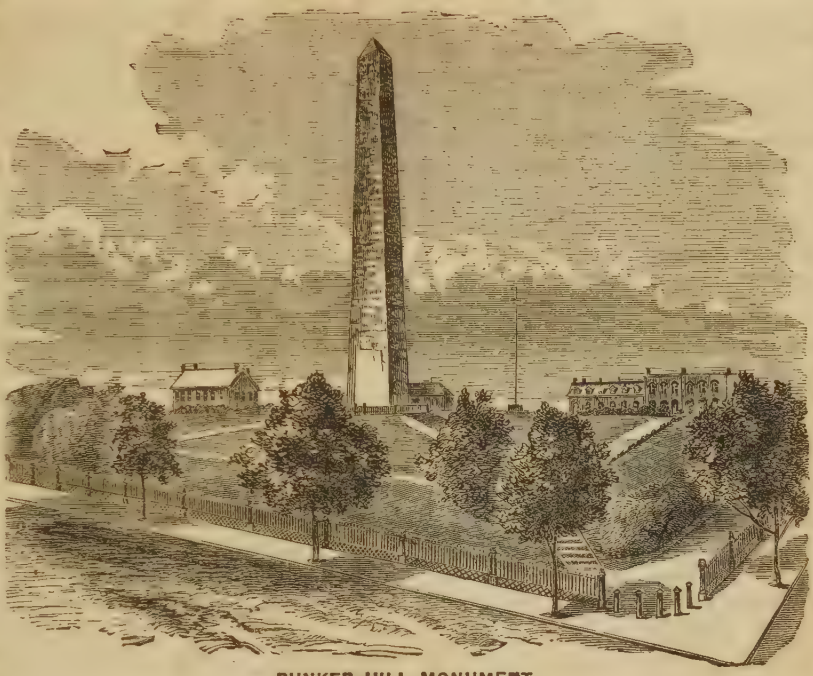

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT.

"THE GROUND IS HOLY WHERE THEY FOUGHT, AND HOLY WHERE THEY FELL."

This fine granite monument, 221 feet high, is seen from all directions as you approach Boston. It commemorates the noted battle fought there June 17, 1775.

The corner stone was laid in 1825, and the work was finished in 1842. On both these occasions Daniel Webster delivered the oration.

The hill is surrounded by an iron fence. Going up the gravel walk, you enter the Monument through an iron gate, pay your fee of fifteen cents, and begin the weary task of ascending the winding stairs within. After a tiresome journey you reach the top, and have a grand view of the whole country all around as far as the eye can reach, which richly repays all your weariness.

AT CHURCH ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

"The first churches were built of unhewn logs, without any plastering, sometimes without any floor, and always without fire. In the coldest season of the year the minister had to preach, and the people to hear, with their overcoats buttoned up to the chin, and seldom was the sermon less than an hour and a half long, and often much longer. Instead of the cushioned pews of these days, slab-stools without any support to the back were the only sitting accommodations."

So writes an old Presbyterian minister; and the same is true of our Church. Meditate upon this, you who so poorly appreciate the comforts of your day.

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CROWDED OUT.

To make room for Centennial articles and items, we this year make little or no reference to the festivals of the Church Year.

SAD FIGURES.

The *Northern Christian Advocate*, an official organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in giving a sketch of fourteen years' revival work, says:

"In the fourteen years the whole Church reported 2,072,686 probationers; these made 509,316 members, being about twenty-two in one hundred! *i. e.*, of 2,072,686, (only) 509,316 were in the Church at the end of one year, and 1,587,370 lost, more than the whole number of members in the Church in 1872, *i. e.*, in fourteen years the Methodist Episcopal Church lost more converts than would make another Church equal in numbers to herself, with several hundred thousand to spare! If this is not spiritual prodigality, in labor and souls, we know not what could be."

This they say of themselves, but we are allowed to think about it, and compare it with our own safer catechetical system.

MAY, *5th Month, 31 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Philip & James	John 8: 1–30	1 15	18	♀ sets 10 51 ♏	3 5	7 6	53	6 54
Tuesday	2 Athanasius	" 8: 31–59	1 46	1	♄ rises 2 49	3 5	6 6	54	7 52
Wednesday	3 Monica	" 9:	2 12	13	7* set 8 25	3 5	5 6	55	8 49
Thursday	4 Florian	" 10:	2 46	25	♀ gr. Elong. East	3 5	4 6	56	9 46
Friday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 11:	3 5	7	♁ sets 8 27	3 5	3 6	57	10 42
Saturday	6 John of Damasc.	" 12:	3 29	19	□ ♃ ☉. ☊	4 5	2 6	58	11 40

19] *3d Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 16–22; 1 Pet. 2: 11–19. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 58 *min.*

Sunday	7 Otto the Great	John 13: 14:	4 0	1	Sirius sets 8 42	4 5	1 6	59	12 39
Monday	8 Stanislaus	" 15:	☽ rises.	13	8th. 7* rise 9 10	4 5	0 7	0	1 38
Tuesday	9 Gr'g. Nanzianzen	" 16: 17:	8 57	25	♂ ☽ ♃. ☿ gr. Hel.	4 4	59 7	1	2 20
Wednesday	10 John Heuglin	" 18:	9 50	7	♀ sets 10 53 [Lat. N.	4 4	58 7	2	3 1
Thursday	11 John Arndt	" 19:	10 32	19	♄ rises 2 12	4 4	57 7	3	3 41
Friday	12 Meletius	" 20:	11 16	1	☽ in apo. ♋	4 4	56 7	4	4 30
Saturday	13 Servatius	" 21:	1 56	13	Orion sets 8 50	4 4	55 7	5	5 14

20] *4th Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 12 *min.*

Sunday	14 Pachomius	Heb. 1: 2:	morn.	26	♁ sets 8 20	4 4	54 7	6	6 4
Monday	15 Moses	" 3: 4:	12 38	9	Libræ so 11 39 [10 34	4 4	53 7	7	6 46
Tuesday	16 5 Martyrs at L	" 5: 6:	1 11	22	16th. Arctur so.	4 4	52 7	8	7 34
Wednesday	17 Joachim of Flor.	" 7:	1 39	5	♂ ☽ ♄. ♂ ♃. ☉	4 4	52 7	8	8 20
Thursday	18 80 Marts. under Val.	" 8:	2 4	19	♄ rises 1 49	4 4	51 7	9	9 2
Friday	19 Alcuin	" 9:	2 29	3	☊. ♀ sets 10 47	4 4	50 7	10	9 44
Saturday	20 Val. Herberger	" 10:	2 55	17	♃ south 12 6	4 4	49 7	11	10 40

21] *5th Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 24 *min.*

Sunday	21 Constantine	Heb. 11:	3 18	2	☿ gr. Elon. East. ☉ ent.	4 4	48 7	12	11 36
Monday	22 Castus & Aemil.	" 12:	3 49	17	☿ sets 8 9 [□	4 4	47 7	13	12 31
Tuesday	23 Jerome Savonar	" 13:	☽ sets.	2	23d. Rigel sets 7 33	4 4	46 7	14	1 28
Wednesday	24 Augustine Cazal	John 14:	8 31	17	☽ in per. Spi. s. 9 5	3 4	45 7	15	2 10
Thursday	25 *Ascension Day*	Col. 2:	9 10	2	☽ ♂ ☿ ♁. ♁ sts. 8 16 ♏	3 4	45 7	15	2 55
Friday	26 Beda Venerabilis	John 15:	10 16	17	☽ ♂ ♀. ♀ sets 10 41	3 4	44 7	16	3 44
Saturday	27 John Calvin	" 16:	11 22	1	♄ rises 1 20	3 4	43 7	17	4 32

22] *6th Sunday after Easter,* John 15: 26—16: 1; 1 Pet. 4: 7–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 34 *min.*

Sunday	28 Lanfranc	1 John 1:	morn.	14	□ ♄ ☉. ♃ south 11 39	3 4	43 7	17	5 18
Monday	29 David Zeisberger	" 2:	12 22	27	Wega south 2 6. [9 38	3 4	42 7	18	6 9
Tuesday	30 Jerome of Prag.	" 3:	12 49	10	30th. Arctur so.	3 4	41 7	19	6 59
Wednesday	31 Joac'm. Neander	" 4:	1 12	22	Antares rises 7 30	3 4	41 7	19	7 47

(♃) Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun the 17th of this Month, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	8th	day 4 o'clock,	50 min.	Morning.
Last Quarter,	16th	" 8 "	24 "	Morning.
New Moon,	23d	" 10 "	23 "	Forenoon.
First Quarter,	30th	" 12 "	46 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, warm; 16, thunder showers; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, 21, showers; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, thunder; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, 31, clear, warm.

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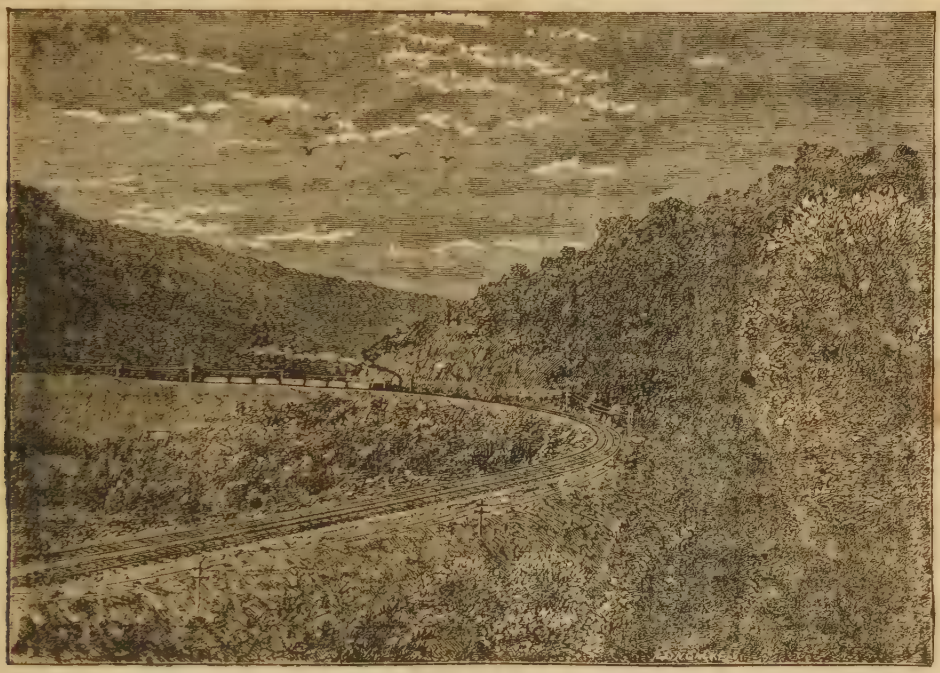

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AN EARNEST ADDRESS.

In the old Provisional Liturgy of 1857 is found the following address to the congregation, in regard to its relations to those just confirmed. It is not found in the Order of Worship, but deserves to be kept before our people in this present form:

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD: Having admitted these persons to the full Communion of the Church, we now commend them to your Christian sympathy and regard, and ask for them your intercession at the throne of mercy, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and continue faithful in his service unto death.

Bear in mind that they are members with you of the same body of Christ, and that all the members are bound to have the same care one for another; so that if one member suffer, all the members should suffer with it, and if one member be honored, all the members should rejoice with it.

Take heed that ye offend not any one of these disciples, either by error in doctrine or misconduct in life. Remember the awful warning of the Lord Jesus: Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were cast into the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences; for it must needs be that offences come, but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

Ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please yourselves. Let every one please his neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself, and came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many,

Let us provoke one another to love and to every good work; striving together against all sin, and giving all diligence to make our calling and election sure; so that having fought the good fight of faith, we may together win the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give unto all them that love his appearing. *Amen.*

JUNE, *6th Month, 30 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1	J. Fred. Oberlin	1 John 5:	1 34	♑	4	☋. ☿ sets 10 29 ♌	3 4	40	7 20	8 34
Friday	2	Pothinus	Joel 3:	1 57	♑	16	Spica south 8 36	2 4	40	7 20	9 22
Saturday	3	Chlotilde	John 17:	2 16	♑	28	☿ stationary	2 4	39	7 21	10 42
23]		*Whit Sunday,*	John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11.				*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 42 *min.*				
Sunday	4	*Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	2 37	♒	10	♄ sets 8 9	2 4	39	7 21	11 52
Monday	5	*Whit Monday*	" 5:	3 9	♒	22	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 11 15	2 4	38	7 22	12 40
Tuesday	6	Norbert	Romans 12:	☽ rises.	♓	4	6th. ♄ ris. 12 48	2 4	38	7 22	1 24
Wednesday	7	*Emberday*	1 Cor. 13:	8 40	♓	16	☽ ♀ gr. brilliancy	2 4	37	7 23	1 59
Thursday	8	A. H. Francke	Rom. 6: 19-7:	9 33	♓	28	☽ in apo. ♋	1 4	37	7 23	2 39
Friday	9	Columba	" 8:	10 13	♈	10	♀ sets 10 15	1 4	37	7 23	3 10
Saturday	10	Fred Barbarossa	2 Cor. 5:	10 46	♈	23	Antares south 11 6	1 4	36	7 24	3 54
24]		*Trinity Sunday,*	John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11.				*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 48 *min.*				
Sunday	11	Barnabas	Acts 1: 2:	11 16	♉	6	♄ sets 8 5	1 4	36	7 24	4 31
Monday	12	Renata	" 3:	11 39	♉	19	☿ in Aphelion	1 4	36	7 24	5 23
Tuesday	13	Isaac Le Febre	" 4:	morn.	♉	2	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 12 20	sun 4	35	7 25	6 13
Wednesday	14	Basil	" 5:	12 21	♉	15	14th. Altair south 12 13	sid'w 4	35	7 25	7 6
Thursday	15	W. Wilberforce	" 6:	12 46	♉	28	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior ♊	1 4	35	7 25	7 48
Friday	16	Richard Baxter	" 7:	1 14	♊	12	♃ south 10 44	1 4	35	7 25	8 34
Saturday	17	John Tauler	" 8:	1 40	♊	27	♀ sets 9 44	1 4	35	7 25	9 30
25]		*1st Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 16: 19–31; 1 John 4: 7–21.				*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	18	Pamphilus	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	2 5	♋	11	♄ stationary	1 4	35	7 25	10 29
Monday	19	Council at Nice	Acts 10:	2 31	♋	26	♄ rises 11 50	1 4	35	7 25	11 28
Tuesday	20	27 Martyrs	" 11:	2 56	♌	11	☉ ent. ♋. Longest Day	1 4	34	7 26	12 27
Wednesday	21	Matt. Claudius	" 12:	☽ sets.	♌	26	21st ☽ in per. Sum. com. ♌	1 4	35	7 25	1 26
Thursday	22	Gottschalk	1 Pet. 2: 11-3; 1-17	8 49	♌	11	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ sets 7 59	2 4	35	7 25	2 13
Friday	23	Gottfried Arnold	" 3: 18-4: 16	9 36	♍	25	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ sets 9 20	2 4	35	7 25	3 3
Saturday	24	John Baptist	" 4: 17-5:	11 12	♎	9	♃ south 10 18	2 4	35	7 25	3 45
26]		*2d Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–24.				*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	25	Augsburg Conf.	James 1:	10 42	♎	22	Regulus sets 10 25	2 4	35	7 25	4 32
Monday	26	J. Val. Andreæ	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	11 4	♏	6	♄ rises 11 20	2 4	35	7 25	5 20
Tuesday	27	Seven Sleepers	James 2:	11 27	♏	19	☿ stationary [♉	3 4	35	7 25	6 1
Wednesday	28	Irenæus	" 3:	11 45	♐	1	28th. ♀ sets 8 46	3 4	36	7 24	6 42
Thursday	29	Peter and Paul	" 4:	morn.	♐	13	Wega south 11 58	3 4	36	7 24	7 34
Friday	30	Raymond Lully	" 5:	12 4	♐	25	♃ south 9 58	3 4	36	7 24	8 22

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	6th day,	7 o'clock,	35 min.	Evening.
Last Quarter,	14th "	10 "	13 "	Evening.
New Moon,	21st "	5 "	13 "	Afternoon.
First Quarter,	28th "	10 "	10 "	Forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, thunder showers; 11, 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, 19, showers; 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, 29, warm; 30, cloudy.

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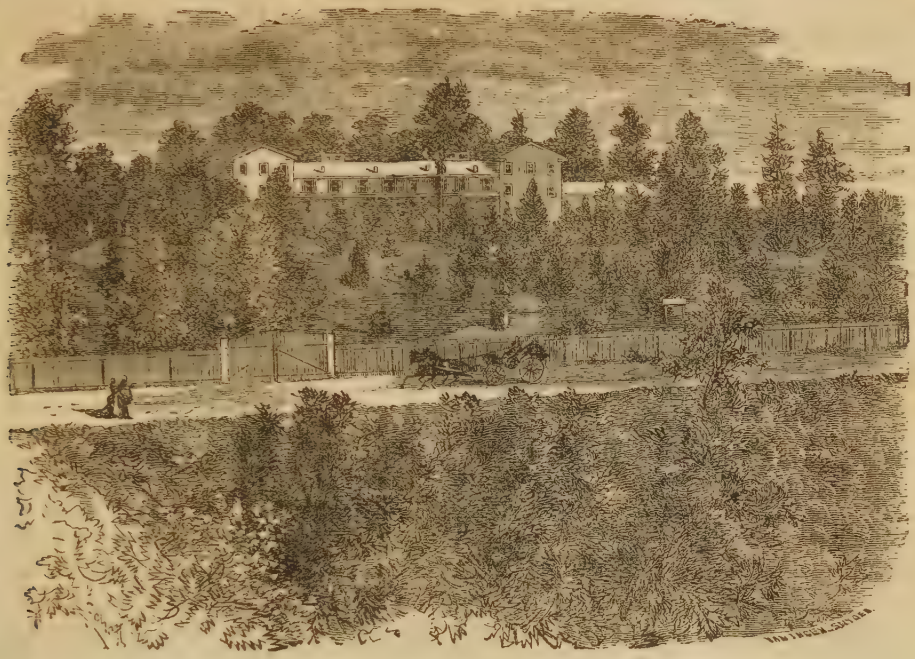

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

1.) What was it about? Some say unjust taxation was the cause.

England, from 1754-62, had an expensive war with France in regard to Canada, which so increased its national debt as to make additional taxation necessary.

The English government turned to the American Colonies, and tried to force upon them the noted "Stamp Act," which required all legal and business documents to be stamped, that is, a duty paid on them in order to be binding, besides many other unfair demands.

This the Colonies stoutly resisted, because it was taxation without representation. The English tried to force them to obedience. This brought on the war which began at Lexington, Mass., April 19, 1775. The Colonies declared themselves free and independent of the mother country on,

THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1776.

This, however, was not the main cause, but rather only the incidental occasion, of the Declaration of Independence.

Not only were many other wrongs done to the Colonies by England, as you may learn from the facts recited in the Declaration itself; but also, in the very nature of things, it was not possible that a strong, growing, progressive country like America could long be governed by an old country like England, so different in many things, and separated by three thousand miles of Ocean. The independence of the Colonies was simply a historical necessity.

2.) How long did the war last? From the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, to the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, October 19, 1781, that is, just six years and six months.

3.) How many battles were fought? Not many great battles; but counting also the skirmishes and small conflicts, there were fifty-four.

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	High Water Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 H. Voes	Jude	12 30	7	☉ in Apogee. ♈	3 4	3 6	7 24	9 10
27] *3d Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Peter, 5: 5–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.*				
Sunday	2 Visit V. M.	Acts 13: 1-12	1 1	19	☌ ☽ ♃. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S	4 4	3 7	7 23	9 55
Monday	3 Otto, Bishop	" 13: 13-52	1 35	1	♀ sets 8 28	4 4	3 7	7 23	10 43
Tuesday	4 *Gr. Cen. Indep.	" 14:	2 15	13	♁ sets 7 55	4 4	3 7	7 23	11 38
Wednesday	5 Lord Cobham	" 15:	3 2	25	☽ in apo. ☌ ♀ ♁. ☋	4 4	3 8	7 22	12 34
Thursday	6 John Huss	" 16:	☽ rises.	7	6th. Dog Days begin	4 4	3 8	7 22	1 30
Friday	7 Willabald	" 17: 1-14	8 48	19	♄ rises 10-40	4 4	3 8	7 22	2 15
Saturday	8 Kilian	" 17: 15-18: 11	9 20	2	☿ rises 3 49	5 4	3 9	7 21	2 56
28] *4th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.*				
Sunday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	1 Thess. 1:	9 46	15	☿ gr. Elon, west	5 4	3 9	7 21	3 42
Monday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 2: 1-16:	10 10	28	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 10 28	5 4	4 0	7 20	4 31
Tuesday	11 Placedus	" 2: 17-3:	10 35	12	♃ south 9 0. 7* rises 12 50	5 4	4 0	7 20	5 22
Wednesday	12 Henry II.	" 4:	10 56	26	♌ Regulus sets 9 15	5 4	4 1	7 19	6 12
Thursday	13 Eugenius	" 5:	11 22	9	♐ sets 7 50	5 4	4 1	7 19	7 6
Friday	14 Bonaventura	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	11 53	23	14th. ☌ ♀ ☉ Inferior	5 4	4 2	7 18	7 46
Saturday	15 Answer	" 2: 13-3	morn.	7	Wega south 10 51	6 4	4 3	7 17	8 40
29] *5th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Peter, 3: 8–15.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 34 min.*				
Sunday	16 Anna Askow	Gala. 1: 1-10	12 31	22	Altair south 12 0	6 4	4 3	7 17	9 36
Monday	17 Separatus & 11 co.	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	1 19	7	♃ south 8 31	6 4	4 4	7 16	10 32
Tuesday	18 Arnulf	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	2 23	21	♄ rises 9 56	6 4	4 5	7 15	11 28
Wednesday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	3 32	5	♃ stationary ☌ ☽ ☿ ♈	6 4	4 5	7 15	12 26
Thursday	20 John Marteilhe	" 3: 15	☽ sets.	19	20. ☽ in per ☌ ☽ ♀	6 4	4 6	7 14	1 23
Friday	21 Eberhard	" 4:	8 4	3	☌ ☽ ♁ ☉ enters ♍	6 4	4 7	7 13	2 4
Saturday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 5: 6:	8 28	17	☌ ☿ ♀. ♁ sets 7 48	6 4	4 8	7 12	3 5
30] *6th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matth. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 22 min.*				
Sunday	23 Godfr. v. Hamelle	1 Cor 1:	9 2	0	Spica sets 10 31	6 4	4 9	7 11	3 46
Monday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 2:	9 34	13	Antares south 8 6	6 4	5 0	7 10	4 32
Tuesday	25 St. James	" 3: 4: 1-4	9 56	26	♀ in Aphelion ♍	6 4	5 0	7 10	5 16
Wednesday	26 Christopher	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	10 20	9	☿ in Perihelion [☉	6 4	5 1	7 9	6 6
Thursday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 5: 9-6:	10 46	21	27th. □ Neptune	6 4	5 2	7 8	6 58
Friday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 7:	11 16	3	♄ rises 9 14	6 4	5 3	7 7	7 42
Saturday	29 Olaus	" 8: 9:	11 52	15	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 7 51	6 4	5 4	7 6	8 32
31] *7th Sunday after Trinity,*		Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 19–23.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	30 John Wessel	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	morn.	26	Altair south 11 4	6 4	5 5	7 5	9 16
Monday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 11: 2	12 34	9	Aldebaran rises 12 49	6 4	5 6	7 4	10 4

(☿) Venus is inferior conjunction below the Sun the 14th of this month, passes from Evening Star to Morning Star.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 6th, 10 o'clock, 35 min. Forenoon.
Last Quarter, 14th, 8 " 53 " Morning.
New Moon, 20th, 11 " 50 " Evening.
First Quarter, 27th, 10 " 15 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, warmest days; 6, 7, thunder showers; 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, 18, warm; 19, 20, thunder showers; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, 26, warm; 27, 28, 29, cloudy; 30, rain; 31, clear.

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THE OLD STATE HOUSE.

It stands in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and has an interesting history. Built in 1728–1734 by the Colonial Assembly, and used by it till 1799, it was sold in 1818 to Philadelphia.

There, in the lower left-hand room of the main building, met the Continental Congress, which, July 4th, 1776, passed the Declaration of Independence.

The famous "Liberty Bell" was cast for the State House in the year 1753, and upon it were placed the words: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Lev. 25: 10). And this bell, with its iron tongue, started the tidings of liberty throughout the land.

The bell was subsequently broken, when ringing in honor of the arrival of Henry Clay in Philadelphia. It now stands on a pedestal in the hall of the State house.

FRANKLIN'S TOAST.

At a State dinner somewhere, a Frenchman was called on for a toast. He gave this: "France; may she be like the moon, dispelling darkness by her benignant light.'

An Englishman was then called on and gave this: "England; may she be like the sun, the joy and strength of the earth."

And then Franklin, as an American, was called on for a toast, and he gave this:

"America; may she be like Joshua, who commanded the sun and moon to stand still, and they obeyed him."

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	High Water. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Maccabees	1 Cor. 12: 1-30	1 22	♌ 21	♃ sets 11 9 ♒	6 4	5 7 7	3 10	47
Wednesday	2 Mart. under Nero	" 12: 31-13	2 2	♌ 3	☽ in apo. Wega south	6 4	5 8 7	2 11	34
Thursday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 14:	2 40	♍ 15	Spica sets 9 37 [9 42 ☋	6 4	5 9 7	1 12	16
Friday	4 Leonard Käser	" 15: 1-34	3 19	♍ 28	☿ stationary [N.	6 5	0 7	0 12	59
Saturday	5 Salzb'g Evang.	" 15: 35-16	☽ rises.	♎ 11	☽ 5th. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat.	6 5	1 6	5 9 1	41

32] *8th Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 7: 15–21; Rom. 8: 12–17. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 56 *min.*

Sunday	6 Transfiguration	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	7 59	♎ 25	♂ ☿ ♄ Sirius rises 4 35	6 5	2 6	5 8 2	32
Monday	7 Nonna	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	8 22	♏ 8	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 8 40	6 5	3 6	5 7 3	18
Tuesday	8 Hormisdas	" 1: 23-2	8 45	♏ 22	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	5 5	4 6	5 6 4	9
Wednesday	9 Numidicus	" 3: 4: 1-6	9 9	♐ 6	♌ ☿ rises 3 1. Morn Star	5 5	5 6	5 5 4	56
Thursday	10 Laurentius	" 4: 7-5: 10	9 34	♐ 20	♃ sets 10 39	5 5	6 6	5 4 5	44
Friday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	10 2	♑ 4	Regulus sets 7 19	5 5	7 6	5 3 6	22
Saturday	12 An. of Havelberg.	" 7: 2	10 37	♑ 19	☽ 12th. ♂ H. ♄ ☉	5 5	8 6	5 2 7	10

33] *9th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 1–13. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 42 *min.*

Sunday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	2 Cor. 8:	11 22	♑ 3	Rigel rises 1 8	5 5	9 6	5 1 7	52
Monday	14 James Guthrie	" 9:	morn.	♑ 17	♄ rises 8 18	5 5	10 6	5 0 8	49
Tuesday	15 Virgin Mary	" 10:	12 26	♒ 1	□ ♃ ☉. Dog days end ♒	4 5	12 6	4 8 9	46
Wednesday	16 John of Saxony	" 11:	1 38	♒ 15	♂ ☽ ☿ ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	4 5	13 6	4 7 10	41
Thursday	17 John Gerhard	" 12: 1-18	2 39	♒ 29	☽ in per. ☿ rises 2 31	4 5	14 6	4 6 11	36
Friday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 12: 19-13:	3 42	♓ 12	♃ sets 10 1	4 5	15 6	4 5 12	32
Saturday	19 Sebaldus	Acts 20: 1-13	☽ sets.	♓ 26	19th. ♂ ☽ ♄	3 5	17 6	4 3 1	28

34] *10th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 19: 41–47; Cor. 12: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 24 *min.*

Sunday	20 Bernard of Clair.	Rom. 1: 1-17	7 32	♈ 9	☿ gr. Brilliancy ♂ ☽ ☿	3 5	18 6	4 2 2	14
Monday	21 1st Morv. Mission	" 1: 18-31	7 55	♈ 22	Arctur sets 11 17	3 5	19 6	4 1 3	4
Tuesday	22 Symphorianus	" 2:	8 15	♉ 5	♍. Libræ sets 10 33	3 5	20 6	4 0 3	46
Wednesday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	" 3:	8 38	♉ 17	☉ enters ♏	2 5	21 6	3 9 4	34
Thursday	24 Bartholomew	" 4:	9 2	♉ 29	♄ rises 7 48	2 5	22 6	3 8 5	22
Friday	25 Louis IX.	" 5: 1-11	9 28	♊ 11	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 9 31	2 5	24 6	3 6 6	11
Saturday	26 Ulfilas	" 5: 12-21	10 16	♊ 23	26th. Spica sets 8 26	2 5	25 6	3 5 6	56

35] *11th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 8 *min.*

Sunday	27 Jovinian	Rom. 6:	11 6	♋ 5	♂ ♄ ☉. ☿ rises 2 9	1 5	26 6	3 4 7	42
Monday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 7:	morn.	♋ 17	♄ south 12 1	1 5	27 6	3 3 8	31
Tuesday	29 John Bapt. B'd	" 8: 1-15	12 2	♋ 29	☽ in apo. 7* rises 9 30.	1 5	28 6	3 2 9	20
Wednesday	30 Claud of Turin	" 8: 16-39	12 59	♌ 11	Wega south 7 54 [☋	0 5	29 6	3 1 10	21
Thursday	31 Aidan	" 9: 1-13	1 46	♌ 23	Altair south 9 6	0 5	31 6	2 9 11	12

(♂) Mars is in conjunction with the Sun the 12th of this month, and cannot be seen.
(♄) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 27th of this month, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 5th, 1 o'clock, 35 min. Morning.
Last Quarter, 12th, 4 " 56 " Afternoon.
New Moon, 19th, 7 " 22 " Morning.
First Quarter, 26th, 1 " 15 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, showers; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, showers; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, warm; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, fair.

ESTIMATES CHEERFULLY GIVEN AT ALL TIMES.—DIXON & CO.

THE CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS.

They stand in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

Our nation, being one hundred years old, celebrates the event by holding a grand Centennial and International Exhibition. These buildings, mainly of glass, iron, and stone, cover more than fifty acres of ground.

Here is the "Main Exhibition Building," itself covering over twenty-one acres, one story high, with lovely grounds all around it.

THE "KEYSTONE STATE."

Do you know why Pennsylvania is called "the Keystone State?" Because she decided the great question of American Independence.

When the Continental Congress was voting on the Declaration of Independence, the thirteen colonies voted by delegations. Six of them voted for and six against it. These delegations sat right and left of the President, JohnHancock. In front of him sat the Pennsylvania delegation.

When the delegations from all the colonies, except Pennsylvania, had voted, and it was discovered that they were equally divided, John Hancock, perceiving that John Morton, one of the Pennsylvania delegation, was not in his seat, and seemingly aware that the latter held the casting vote in his delegation in favor of the measure, arose and made a speech, urging the Pennsylvania delegation to vote for independence. He continued his exhortation until he saw John Morton enter the hall, and then sat down.

The Pennsylvania delegation stood equally divided upon the great issue, until John Morton gave the casting vote in favor of the Declaration.

Thus John Morton decided the vote of Pennsylvania, and thus Pennsylvania, by giving the casting vote, decided that important question; and from this she received the name of the "Keystone State," the thirteenth State—the block of the Union Arch.

Why was John Morton late in his seat on that occasion? A number of influential persons visited him on that morning, urging him to vote against the Declaration, but they could not prevail.

In the old Episcopal church-yard, in Chester, Pa., stands a plain, neat monument about twelve feet high, over the remains of John Morton. The inscription says:

"John Morton being censured by some of his friends for his boldness in giving the casting vote for the Declaration of Independence, his prophetic spirit dictated from his death-bed, the following message to them:

"Tell them that they will live to see the hour when they shall acknowledge it to have been the most glorious service that I have ever rendered to my country."

A QUESTION WORTH CONSIDERING.

Are we doing our duty to the Germans who are in this country, and who are still coming? What other Church can so well meet their wants? Methodists and Presbyterians are doing much, with their German Colleges, Seminaries and publications; but they do not understand German life and spirit as we do. How dare we neglect this great work? How can our Church be awakened to a proper interest in it?

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. ts.	Sun rises. m. h.	Sun sets. m. h.	HIGH WATER. Phila. m. h.
Friday	1 Hanna	Rom. 9: 14-33	2 44	6	♀ rises 2 8 ☋		05	32 6	28 11 50
Saturday	2 Mamas	" 10:	3 49	20	Orion rises 12 36		05	33 6	27 12 30

36] 12*th Sunday after Trinity,* Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	3 Hildegarde	Rom. 11:	☽ rises. 7 24	3	3d. ♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ south	15	35 6	25 1	25
Monday	4 Ida	" 12:		17	☊ ☌ sets 9 6 [11 49	15	36 6	24 2	5
Tuesday	5 John Mollio	" 13:	7 48	1	Aldebaran rises 10 36	15	37 6	23 2	47
Wednesday	6 Martin Weibel	" 14:	8 16	16	Sirius rises 2 26	25	39 6	21 3	35
Thursday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 15: 1-13	8 47	1	Rigel rises 11 34.	25	40 6	20 4	24
Friday	8 Corbinian	" 15: 14-33	9 33	15	☿ in Aphelion	25	41 6	19 5	12
Saturday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 16:	10 39	29	♀ rises 2 10	35	42 6	18 6	6

37] 13*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 16–22. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 32 *min.*

Sunday	10 Paul Speratus	Acts 20:	11 52	13	10th. ♄ south 11 38	35	44 6	16 6	46
Monday	11 John Brenz	" 21:	morn.	27	Antares sets 9 26 ♏	35	45 6	15 7	44
Tuesday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	" 22: 23:	12 50	11	☿ in Aphelion	45	46 6	14 8	39
Wednesday	13 Wm. Farel	" 24: 25:	1 46	25	☌ sets 8 40	45	48 6	12 9	35
Thursday	14 Cyprian	" 26:	2 36	8	♂ ☽ ♀ rises 2 15	45	49 6	11 10	32
Friday	15 Ar. v. Grumb'h	" 27:	3 39	21	Fomal south 11-16 [4 22	55	50 6	10 11	29
Saturday	16 Euphemia	" 28:	4 54	4	☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises	55	52 6	8 12	27

38] 14*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 14 *min.*

Sunday	17 Lambert	Eph. 1: 1-14	☽ sets. 6 34	17	17th. ☿ gr. Elon	55	53 6	7 1	24
Monday	18 A.G. Spangenb'g	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10		0	☿ sets 6 58 [East ☊	65	54 6	6 2	14
Tuesday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 2: 11-3	7 11	13	♂ ☽ ☿. ♄ south 11 6	65	56 6	4 2	58
Wednesday	20 *Ember Day*	" 4: 1-17	7 34	25	☌ sets 8 28	75	57 6	3 3	44
Thursday	21 Matthew	" 4: 18	8 4	7	♀ rises 2 17 [☌	75	59 6	1 4	32
Friday	22 Mauritius	" 5: 6: 1-9	8 38	19	☉ enters ♎. Day & Night Equal. ♂ ☽	76	06	0 5	22
Saturday	23 Mart. of Gen'a.	" 6: 10	9 18	0	♀ gr. Elong. West. Autumn Comm.	86	15	59 6	15

39] 15*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25–6: 10. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 56 *min.*

Sunday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	Colos. 1:	10 6	12	♂ rises 4 15	86	25	58 6	55
Monday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 2: 3: 1-4	11 2	24	25th. 7* rises 8 1	86	35	57 7	44
Tuesday	26 Lioba	" 3: 5-4	morn.	6	☽ in apo. ☌ sets	96	45	56 8	32
Wednesday	27 Phil. Graveron	Philemon	12 15	18	♀ rises 2 19 [8 6. ☋	96	65	54 9	12
Thursday	28 A. Clarenbach	Philip. 1: 1-26	1 13	1	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	96	75	53 9	56
Friday	29 St. Michael	" 1: 27-2:	2 10	14	☊ ☍ ♄ south 10 29	106	85	52 10	42
Saturday	30 Jerome	" 3: 4:	2 56	27	♂ ☽ ♄. ☿ stationary	106	105	50 11	30

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	3d	day	4	o'clock, 11 min.	Afternoon.
Last Quarter,	10th	"	11	" 18 "	Evening.
New Moon,	17th	"	4	" 52 "	Evening.
First Quarter,	25th	"	7	" 1 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, showers; 8, 9, 10, warm; 11, 12, thunder; 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, 27, stormy; 28, 29, 30, variable.

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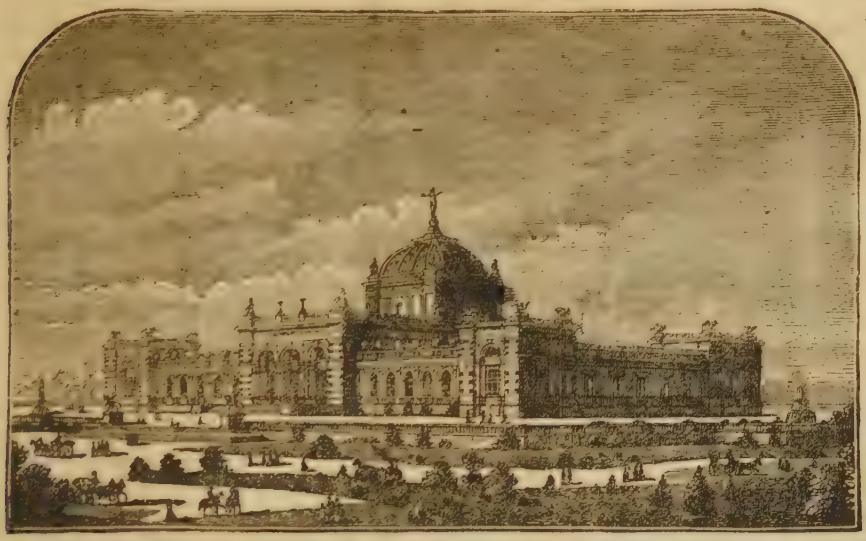

MEMORIAL HALL.

In this magnificent building are exhibited the painting and sculpture of all nations.

It is only about one-fourth as large as the "Main" building.

The main entrance is by three doors, each forty feet high, and fifteen feet wide. A dome, one hundred and fifty feet from the ground, rises from the centre, and supports a great bell, on which stands a figure of Columbia with outstretched hands, welcoming all nations to our hospitable shores.

It is called Memorial Hall, because it is to remain, after the Centennial, as a memorial of that great event in our history.

A SEMI-CENTENNIAL ODE.

The following ode, written by the now venerable Wm. C. Bryant, was sung to the tune of Old Hundred by the New York Historical Society, when in 1839 they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of Washington as President of the United States:—

Great were the hearts, and strong the minds
  Of those who framed, in high debate,
The immortal league of love that binds
  Our fair, broad empire, state with state.

And ever hallowed be the hour,
  When, as the auspicious task was done,
A nation's gift, the sword of power,
  Was given to Glory's unspoiled son.

That noble race is gone; the suns
  Of fifty years have risen and set;
The holy links those mighty ones
  Had forged and knit, are brighter yet.

Wide—as our own free race increase—
  Wide shall it stretch the elastic chain,
And bind, in everlasting peace,
  State after state, a mighty train.

HINTS.

Always take a hint.

If only the Lord would make the weather to suit some people, so they could get to church!

You will find a crooked stick on every woodpile—a kinky member in every congregation.

The Do-Nothings always know best how things ought to be done.

Do not waken your children during the doxology and benediction. Be not in such a hurry.

You expect your minister to toe his mark squarely; are you toeing your own so?

Let your giving be like your praying; but be sure to pray much and earnestly.

If wealth does not go from you, you will surely go from it. Therefore, lay it up in heaven (Luke 16:9).

When a man whispers a prayer while another is leading in prayer, it looks as though he thought he could do it better than the leader, and is at it.

One hundred and seven young men are preparing for the Holy Ministry, under the care of the Classes in our six Synods.

In 1874, the Methodist Church built more than three hundred parsonages.

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
40] *16th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 38 *min.*				
Sunday	1 Remigius	1 Tim. 1:	3 44	11	♀ rises 2 23 ♎	10	6	11 5	49 12 10
Monday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 2:	4 52	25	☊ ☌ ♃ sets 7 46	11	6	12 5	48 12 46
Tuesday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 3:	☽ rises.	10	3d. ♄ rises 3 59	11	6	13 5	47 1 37
Wednesday	4 Franciscus	" 3: 14-4: 10	6 45	25	♄ south 9 59	11	6	15 5	45 2 16
Thursday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 4: 11-5: 16	7 19	10	Altair south 6 58	12	6	16 5	44 2 53
Friday	6 Henry Albert	" 5: 17	7 49	25	Antares sets 8 18	12	6	17 5	43 3 42
Saturday	7 Theodore Beza	" 6:	8 30	10	Sirius rises 12 45	12	6	19 5	41 4 36
41] *17th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–6.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 20 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	Titus 1:	9 25	24	Orion rises 10 26. ♍	12	6	20 5	40 5 32
Monday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 2:	10 24	8	♃ sets 7 15	13	6	21 5	39 6 28
Tuesday	10 Justus Jonas	" 3:	11 39	22	10th. ☽ in apo.	13	6	23 5	37 7 24
Wednesday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	2 Tim. 1:	morn.	5	♀ in ☊ .7° rises 7 5	13	6	24 5	36 8 22
Thursday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 2:	12 49	19	♄ south 9 26	13	6	25 5	35 9 19
Friday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 3:	1 59	2	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior ♂ ☽ ♀	14	6	27 5	33 10 9
Saturday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 4:	3 5	15	♀ rises 2 41	14	6	28 5	32 10 59
42] *18th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matth. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 2 *min.*				
Sunday	15 Aurelia	Heb. 1:	4 9	27	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 3 58. ♍	14	6	29 5	31 11 46
Monday	16 Gallus	" 2:	5 11	9	♂ ☽ ☿. Markab south 9 30	14	6	31 5	29 12 42
Tuesday	17 Rv. Edict of Nan.	" 3: 4:	☽ sets.	21	17th. Capella south 3 39	15	6	32 5	28 1 38
Wednesday	18 St. Luke	" 5:	5 56	3	Sirius rises 12 2	15	6	33 5	27 2 26
Thursday	19 Bruno	" 6:	6 22	15	♄ south 8 46	15	6	34 5	26 3 16
Friday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 7:	6 55	27	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 6 40	15	6	35 5	25 4 4
Saturday	21 Hilarion	" 8:	7 32	9	☿ Stationary	15	6	36 5	24 4 46
43] *19th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matth. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 44 *min.*				
Sunday	22 Hedwig	Heb. 9: 1-14	8 16	21	☉ enters ♏	15	6	38 5	22 5 34
Monday	23 Henry Martin	" 9: 15	9 8	3	♀ rises 2 58 ♎	16	6	39 5	21 6 22
Tuesday	24 Arethas	" 10: 1-18	10 6	15	☽ in apo	16	6	41 5	19 7 11
Wednesday	25 John Herz	" 10: 19-39	11 4	27	25th. ♄ rises 3 44	16	6	42 5	18 7 51
Thursday	26 Frederick III.	" 11:	morn.	9	♆ Neptune ☉	16	6	43 5	17 8 38
Friday	27 Frumentius	" 12:	12 12	22	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ south ♈ 1	16	6	44 5	16 9 24
Saturday	28 Simon and Jude	" 13:	1 22	5	☿ gr. Elon West	16	6	45 5	15 10 12
44] *20th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matth. 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 28 *min.*				
Sunday	29 Alfred the Great	Prov. 1: 2:	2 32	19	☊. ☿ rises 5-52	16	6	46 5	14 10 54
Monday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 3:	3 46	3	♀ rises 3 8	16	6	47 5	13 11 38
Tuesday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 4:	4 59	18	♃ sets 6 17	16	6	49 5	11 12 32

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	3d	day,	5 o'clock, 54 min.	Morning.
Last Quarter,	10th	"	5 " 17 "	Morning.
New Moon,	17th	"	4 " 55 "	Morning.
First Quarter,	25th	"	2 " 52 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear: 3, 4, fair; 5, 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, showers; 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, 22, cold winds; 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, fair; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, variable

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HORTICULTURAL HALL.

This beautiful Centennial Building contains the trees, plants, flowers, and shrubbery of every land. What a feast for the eyes!

HAVE YOU A PARSONAGE?

Every charge should have a parsonage. Then the pastor will feel not only more at home, but also more safe.

Renting may often be as cheap as owning a house; but then the pastor may soon have to move, which is both expensive and troublesome, in many ways. He lives in a house, but he has no home.

In a parsonage, however, he is comfortable. As the property belongs to his people, he not only knows he can use it so long as he is pastor, but he feels an interest in it, and loves to care for it and improve it.

Having a parsonage is more pleasant, not only for the pastor, but also for his people. They know where to find him. They will feel more interest in his home, just because through years it becomes to them a place of sacred associations.

The question may be argued also on the ground of economy. Some charges rent a house for the pastor. In other cases he pays the rent out of his salary; but in either case, the congregation loses just so much money every year. Once, a minister bought a house, his people agreeing to pay him so much extra salary every year. In a few years, he had a home, and the people had paid for it, yet they in the end had no parsonage; and when he left, they bought from him the house which they might for years have owned, if they had taken his advice.

Have a parsonage for your minister! Give him a home. Keep it in good repair. It is a credit to you, and a comfort to him.

MEN AND MONEY.

Loud calls are made for Missionary money. We equally need Missionary *men*. A hundred thousand dollars in hand to-day would be of little account, without one hundred more men. The lack of ministers is a sad fact in our Mission work. Therefore, pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His harvest.

But just here another sad fact meets us. When young men offer themselves for the work, and ask the Church to educate them, often they are turned away with the answer, "We have already as many on hand as the Board of Beneficiary Education can support;" that is, for want of money we cannot get the men.

Is it not a sin and shame that the Church must thus always be hampered in its work? The Lord give both ministers and people a more earnest, willing, working spirit!

What are we in the world for, at least what are we in the Church for, but to spread the Kingdom of Christ?

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1	All Saints	Prov. 5: 1-19:	☽ rises.	♊ 3	1st. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat.	16	6 50	5 10	1 26
Thursday	2	Victorinus	6: 20-7:	5 46	♊ 18	♄ so. 7 44 [N. ☋	16	6 51	5 9	2 12
Friday	3	Pirminus	" 8:	6 26	♋ 4	♁ rises 3 40	16	6 53	5 7	3 6
Saturday	4	John A. Bengel	" 9:	7 10	♋ 19	♄ stationary	16	6 54	5 6	3 49

45] *4th Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	5	Hans Egede	John 21: 1-23	8 20	♌ 4	☽ in per. ♀ ris. 3 17 ♏	16	6 55	5 5	4 35
Monday	6	Gustav. Adolph's	1 John 1: 2:	9 30	♌ 18	♃ sets 5 59	16	6 56	5 4	6 23
Tuesday	7	Willibrord	" 3:	11 41	♍ 2	Sirius rises 10 45	16	6 57	5 3	7 11
Wednesday	8	Willehad	" 4:	11 50	♍ 16	8th. 7* so. 12 47	16	6 58	5 2	7 52
Thursday	9	John v. Staupitz	" 5:	morn.	♍ 29	Orion rises 8 24	16	6 59	5 1	8 41
Friday	10	Martin Luther	2 John	12 59	♎ 12	Regulus rises 12 14	16	7 0	5 0	9 30
Saturday	11	Martin of Tours	3 John	2 11	♎ 24	♐. ♄ south 7 20	16	7 1	4 59	10 16

46] *3d Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 56 *min.*

Sunday	12	Phil. de Mornay	Rev. 1:	3 26	♎ 6	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 3 41	16	7 2	4 58	11 4
Monday	13	Arcadius	" 2:	4 32	♎ 18	☌ ☽ ♁. ♁ rises 3 36	16	7 3	4 57	11 45
Tuesday	14	Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 3:	5 51	♏ 0	♀ in Perihelion	15	7 4	4 56	12 35
Wednesday	15	John Kepler	" 4; 5; 6:	☽ sets.	♏ 12	15th. ☌ ☽ ☿	15	7 5	4 55	1 25
Thursday	16	Casp. Creuziger	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	5 22	♏ 24	□ ☓ ☉. ♄ so. 6 58	15	7 6	4 54	2 0
Friday	17	Bernward	" 9: 13-10; 11:	6 18	♐ 6	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 5 40	15	7 7	4 53	2 38
Saturday	18	Greg. Illuminat.	" 12: 13:	6 56	♐ 18	Andromeda south 8 24	15	7 8	4 52	3 20

47] *2d Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 25: 31–46; 2 Thess. 3: 1–10. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 42 *min.*

Sunday	19	Elizab. of Hesse	Rev. 14: 1-13	7 55	♐ 0	♀ rises 3 50 ☋	14	7 9	4 51	4 6
Monday	20	John Williams	" 14: 14-20	8 59	♐ 12	Rigel rises 6 56	14	7 10	4 50	4 44
Tuesday	21	Columbanus	" 15:	10 5	♐ 24	☽ in apo. Altair sets	14	7 11	4 49	5 32
Wednesday	22	John Oecolampadius	" 16: 1-8	11 11	♑ 6	☉ enters ♑ [10 23	14	7 12	4 48	6 18
Thursday	23	Clemens Roman.	" 16: 9-21	morn.	♑ 18	23d. □ ♄ ☉. ☌ ☽	13	7 13	4 47	7 8
Friday	24	John Knox	" 17:	12 12	♑ 1	♁ rises 3 33 [♄	13	7 14	4 46	7 48
Saturday	25	Catharine	" 18:	1 13	♑ 14	♄ sets 11 51	13	7 14	4 46	8 32

48] *1st Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3: 3–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 30 *min.*

Sunday	26	Conrad	Rev. 19: 1-10	2 14	♑ 27	☊. ♀ rises 3 59	12	7 15	4 45	9 19
Monday	27	Marg't Blaarer	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	3 16	♒ 12	Sirius rises 9 22	12	7 16	4 44	9 58
Tuesday	28	Alex. Roussell	" 20: 4-15	4 20	♒ 26	☌ ♀ ♁. Fomal so. 6 31	12	7 17	4 43	10 40
Wednesday	29	Saturninus	" 21: 1-8	5 22	♓ 11	♓ stationary	11	7 17	4 43	11 39
Thursday	30	St. Andrew	" 21: 9-22	6 26	♓ 26	♄ sets 11 30	11	7 18	4 42	12 38

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	1st,	6 o'clock,	28 min.	Evening.
Last Quarter,	8th,	12 "	14 "	Afternoon.
New Moon,	15th,	7 "	45 "	Evening.
First Quarter,	23d,	11 "	24 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, pleasant; 13, 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, cloudy, with rain and snow; 24, 25, clear, cold; 26, 27, 28, moderate; 29, 30, fair.

CALL AND SEE OUR HOLIDAY GOODS NOW OPENING.

A FOREIGN MISSION HOUSE.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

On the 7th of June, 1776, in the Continental Congress, which met in the Old State House in Philadelphia, Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia, offered his celebrated resolution, which was afterward embodied in the Declaration :—Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States ; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown ; and that all political connexion between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

On the 11th of June, 1776, Congress appointed a Committee to prepare a Declaration of Independence: Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, Sherman, nd Livingston.

"The Committee," says John Quincy Adams in his autobiography, "held several meetings, in which were proposed the articles of which the Declaration was to consist, and minutes were made of them." Jefferson and Adams were then appointed a sub-committee to draw up the Declaration in proper form.

Mr. Jefferson made the draft and submitted it first to Mr. Adams and Dr. Franklin, who suggested but two or three valuable amendments. It then went before the whole Committee and was approved without amendment. But Mr. Livingston, of New York, did not sign it when Congress had passed it. It was then submitted to Congress and laid on the table. July 1st the resolution declaring independence was taken up, and debated. The resolution was adopted July 2d. The "Declaration" as reported by the Committee was then taken up and debated three days, the 2d, 3d and 4th of July. It was adopted on the evening of the Fourth.

The ideas of the Declaration were not original with Jefferson. He simply gave definite shape and full expression to sentiments that long had been in the public mind. Parton says:

"Mr. Jefferson used to relate, with much merriment, that the final signing of the Declaration of Independence was hastened by an absurdly trivial cause.

Near the State House was a livery stable, from which came swarms of flies assailing the silk stockinged legs of the members. Handkerchief in hand they lashed the flies with vigor, but the annoyance became at length so extreme as to render them impatient at delay, and they made haste to bring the momentous business to a conclusion. After such a long and severe strain upon their minds, members seemed to have indulged in many a jocular observation as they stood around the table."

Tradition has it that when John Hancock had affixed his magnificent signature to the paper, he said: "There, John Bull may read my name without spectacles!"

When Mr. Hancock reminded the members of the necessity of hanging together, Dr. Franklin said, "Yes, we must indeed hang together, or else, assuredly we shall all hang separately."

And this may have suggested to the portly Harrison—"a luxurious, heavy gentleman," as John Adams describes him—his remark to slender Elbridge Gerry, that when the hanging came he would have the advantage, for poor Gerry would be kicking in the air long after it was over with himself.

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1876.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1	Eligius	Psalm 96:	☽ rises.	♊ 11		11	7	19	4	41	1	36
Saturday	2	John Ruysbrock	" 145:	5 55	♊ 27	☽ in per. Altair sets 9 34	10	7	19	4	41	2	22
49] *1st Sunday in Advent,*			Matth. 21: 8–11;	Rom. 13: 11–14.		*Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min.*							
Sunday	3	Gerhard Groot	John 1: 1-14	6 59	♋ 12	♄ rises 3 29	10	7	20	4	40	3	16
Monday	4	Gerh. v. Zütphen	Gen. 2: 4-25	8 19	♋ 27	♂ ☿ ☉ Sup'r. ♂ ♃ ☉	10	7	20	4	40	3	50
Tuesday	5	Crispin	Matt. 19: 1-12	9 36	♌ 11	☿ in Aphelion	9	7	21	4	39	4	42
Wednesday	6	Nicholas	Eph. 5: 22-33	10 58	♌ 25	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	9	7	21	4	39	5	29
Thursday	7	Paulus Odontius	1 Cor. 7:	morn.	♍ 8	7th. ♀ rises 4 16	8	7	22	4	38	6	10
Friday	8	Mart. Rinkard	Gen. 3:	12 6	♍ 21	☾ ♉. ♄ sets 11 4	8	7	22	4	38	7	5
Saturday	9	Benj. Schmolk	" 8: 15-9: 17	1 3	♎ 3	Aldebaran south 11 22	7	7	23	4	37	7	50
50] *2d Sunday in Advent,*			Luke 21: 25–33;	Rom. 15: 4–13.		*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*							
Sunday	10	Paul Eber	Acts 17: 15-34	2 4	♎ 15	Arietis south 8 48	7	7	23	4	37	8	40
Monday	11	Hen. v. Zütphen	Gen. 15:	3 6	♎ 27	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 3 26	7	7	24	4	36	9	36
Tuesday	12	Vicelin	Deut. 5:	4 10	♏ 9	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 4 29	6	7	24	4	36	10	32
Wednesday	13	Odilia	Exodus 12:	5 15	♏ 21	♄ sets 10 39	6	7	24	4	36	11	30
Thursday	14	Dioscorus	Deut. 27:	6 16	♐ 3	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 6 29	5	7	25	4	35	12	27
Friday	15	Christiana	Romans 7:	☽ sets.	♐ 15	15. Sir. ris. 8 3 [	5	7	25	4	35	1	24
Saturday	16	Adelheid	Leviticus 16:	5 18	♐ 27	♂ ☽ ☿ 7* so. 10 4	4	7	25	4	35	2	12
51] *3d Sunday in Advent,*			Matth. 11: 2–10;	1 Cor. 4: 1–5.		*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*							
Sunday	17	Sturm	Is. 40: John 5:	6 20	♑ 9	Regulus rises 9 36	4	7	25	4	35	2	52
Monday	18	Louis v. Seckendorf	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	7 23	♑ 21	☽ in apo. ♃ rises 6 8	3	7	25	4	35	3	40
Tuesday	19	Clemens Alexandrinus	2 Samuel 7:	8 26	♒ 3	♀ rises 4 41	3	7	25	4	35	4	21
Wednesday	20	*Ember Day*	Joel 3:	9 22	♒ 15	♄ sets 10 16 [♂ ☽ ♄	2	7	25	4	35	5	11
Thursday	21	Thomas	Jeremiah 23:	10 20	♒ 28	☉ ent. ♑. Shortest day.	2	7	26	4	34	5	55
Friday	22	Hugh McKail	" 31:	11 18	♓ 11	Winter commences. ☊	1	7	25	4	35	6	42
Saturday	23	Anna du Bourg	Isa. 52: 13-53:	morn.	♓ 24	☽ 23d. ♂ rises 3 20	1	7	25	4	35	7	30
52] *4th Sunday in Advent,*			John 1: 19–34;	Phil. 4: 4–7.		*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*							
Sunday	24	Adam and Eve	John 3: 23-36	12 10	♈ 7	♃ rises 5 44	sun	7	25	4	35	8	22
Monday	25	*Christmas*	Is. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1:	1 22	♈ 21	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	s'r w	7	25	4	35	9	16
Tuesday	26	Stephen	Psalm 2: 1-10:	2 34	♉ 5	♄ sets 9 58	1	7	25	4	35	10	6
Wednesday	27	St. John Evang.	Isaiah 11: 1-10	3 54	♉ 20	Arietis south 7 34	1	7	25	4	35	10	46
Thursday	28	Innocents	" 49:	5 10	♊ 5	♀ rises 4 54	2	7	25	4	35	11	39
Friday	29	David	Romans 8:	6 12	♊ 20	Aldebaran so. 9 54	2	7	24	4	36	12	29
Saturday	30	Christ'n of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	☽ rises.	♋ 5	30th. 7* so. 9 4 ♌	3	7	24	4	36	1	22
53] *Sunday after Christmas,*			Luke 2:			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*							
Sunday	31	John Wiclif	Psalm 90: 103:	5 33	♋ 20	☽ in per. ☉ in Perigee	3	7	24	4	36	2	2

(♃) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 4th of this Month, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	1st,	6 o'clock,	1 min.	Morning.
Last Quarter,	7th,	9 "	22 "	Evening.
New Moon,	15th,	1 "	12 "	Afternoon.
First Quarter,	23d,	6 "	40 "	Evening.
Full Moon,	30th,	4 "	57 "	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, fair; 2, 3, 4, rain and snow; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, 10, cloudy; 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, 19, rain and snow; 20, 21, clear, cold; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, 31, snow.

WRITING DESKS, FINE BOXES WRITING PAPERS, WORK BOXES, &c.

THE ANGELS' CHRISTMAS SONG.

"Trooping through heaven's gate they came,
On that blessed morn,
Many hundred years ago
When our Lord was born.

Ne'er before had angel choir
Sung to mortal ears;
And that glorious Christmas song
Rings through endless years.

Let us join the angel host
On this blessed morn;
Let us sing with joyful hearts,
'Christ the Lord is born.'"

LEGACIES FOR THE CHURCH.

1.) The best way to give a large sum to the Church, that is, to her Colleges, Seminaries, or Boards, is to do so while living. Then you are sure that the Church gets it.

2.) But some persons cannot do this. They must have the money for their support or some other purpose, till death. They can leave it to the Church by will. But in many cases the will is wrongly, or at least doubtfully, worded, and so the Court sets aside the will, and the Church gets nothing. Not only is the Church wronged, but, alas! the godly wish of the giver is wronged.

Yet is it not his own fault? Perhaps, he has allowed some one to write the will who knows or cares nothing about our government, the names of our Institutions and Boards, and the phraseology of our Church; and so the will is doubtful or even incorrect in its wording, and trouble follows.

3.) To make sure that your will is right, for a legacy to the Church, use a form of words which is definite and particular, stating (1) how much shall be paid, (2) when, (3) to whom, that is, to the Treasurer of what Board or Institution, (4) for what purpose.

4.) Be very careful, however, not to burden your legacy with conditions, as to how, when and where the legacy is to be used. The Church knows best how to manage its funds; and good people often spoil the usefulness of their legacy by the conditions that embarrass it. Indeed in some cases the legacy is altogether lost, just because the conditions are such that the Church cannot fulfill them.

HISTORICAL ITEMS.

An abstract of Civil and Church History of the Century would be both interesting and profitable; but space allows us to give only the leading items in the history of our own Church in the United States.

1.) In 1730, we had in this country about 15,000 members, but only a few congregations.

2.) Our first Church was built in 1726, at Skippack, in what is now Montgomery County, twenty-four miles from Philadelphia.

3.) In 1746, when Rev. Michael Schlatter came to this country, he found about forty-six congregations, and only about half a dozen ministers, of the German Reformed Church.

4.) The first Synod, then called Coetus, was organized in Philadelphia (which then had only 10,000 inhabitants!), Sept. 29th, 1747. Only four ministers were present, and twenty-seven elders.

5.) In 1751, Schlatter visited Holland and Switzerland, to get aid for the feeble churches in America. He returned in about eighteen months with six ministers, and some money.

6.) In 1776, the Synod met in Lancaster, Pa. Eleven ministers were present, and twelve absent.

7.) The first Reformed Catechism was published in this country in 1790.

8.) In 1793, the Coetus or Synod, now forty-six years old, declared itself independent of the mother Synod of Holland (to which it had always been subject, and from which it had always received its authority, advice, men and money), by adopting its own first Constitution.

9.) In 1810, the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows" was incorporated, though in existence perhaps twenty-five years before.

10.) In 1817, Synod began to publish its minutes in German. In 1825, also in English.

11.) The old Synod of our Church was divided into Classes in 1819.

12.) In 1822, the "Independent" Synod was organized in East Pennsylvania. In 1836, its ministers again entered the old Synod.

13.) In 1825, seventy-eight years after the organization of the original Synod, the Synod opened its first Theological Seminary, at Carlisle, Pa., with five students. In 1829, the Seminary was removed to York, Pa.; in 1837, to Mercersburg, Pa.; and in 1871, to Lancaster, Pa.

14.) In 1827, the "Magazine of the German Reformed Church" (now called the *Reformed Church Messenger*), was first published as a monthly.

15.) In 1829, Synod constituted the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, *a Board of Beneficiary Education.*

16.) In 1830, our present English Hymn Book was published.

17.) In 1832, the Board of Home Missions was organized.

18.) In 1836, our first College, Marshall College, at Mercersburg, Pa., was chartered by the Legislature.

19.) The present edition of the Heidelberg Catechism began to be published in 1840.

20.) In 1842, was published Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin's "History and Genius of the Heidelberg Catechism"; in 1843, his "Anxious Bench"; and in 1846, his "Mystical Presence."

21.) In 1844, was organized our first Board of Publication, which in 1864 was reorganized.

22.) The old Constitution of 1793 was set aside by another in 1828, and this gave way to the present one in 1846.

23.) In 1849, Rev. Dr. Harbaugh began to publish his works on the Future Life.

24.) In 1853, Marshall College was removed to Lancaster, Pa., and united with Franklin College.

25.) In 1863, our first Orphan Home was opened at Bridesburg, Pa. (now at Womelsdorf, Pa.); in 1867, another at Butler, Pa.

26.) In 1863, the Church celebrated the three-hundredth anniversary of the Heidelberg Catechism. A free-will offering of $108,000 was given by the Church.

27.) In 1864, soon after the burning of the Printing Establishment in Chambersburg by the Confederate Army, our Publication Board removed to Philadelphia, Pa.

28.) In 1865, the name of our Sunday-school paper was changed from "*The Pastor's Helper*" to "*The Child's Treasury.*"

29.) In 1867, the noted "Myerstown Convention" was held in Myerstown, Pa.

30.) In 1869, the word "German" was dropped from our Church title.

31.) Our Liturgies were published as follows: the Mayer Liturgy, in 1841; the Provisional

Liturgy, in 1857; the Eastern Order of Worship, in 1866; the Western Liturgy, in 1869; and the German Translation of the Eastern Order of Worship, in 1873.

32.) For a list of our Periodicals and the date of their origin, see the tabular statement in this Almanac.

33. Our Synods were organized as follows: the Eastern, or Mother Synod, 1747; Ohio Synod, 1824; North Western, 1867; Pittsburgh, 1870; Potomac, 1873; Eastern German Synod, 1875. The General Synod was organized in 1863.

34.) Our Almanacs. The first published by our Church was at Cleveland, Ohio. In 1864, the Eastern Board published the first one of this English series; and in 1872, the first of a German series. In 1873, the Western Board published their first English almanac.

35.) The increase in the number of our ministers is wonderful. In 1747, we had 6; in 1791, 17; in 1800, 31; in 1809, 37; in 1817, 47; in 1820, 60; in 1830, 99; in 1840, 172; in 1850, 280; in 1860, 391; in 1870, 548; in 1876, 623.

36.) The increase of communicant membership is equally encouraging. In 1817, we had 11,000. In 1857, i.e. forty years after, we had 51,000. In 1876, we have 116,363.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Though your preparation of heart and mind is the main thing, yet several smaller matters should also receive careful attention.

1.) Do not crowd the table. This, for several plain reasons, is improper.

2.) Stand near the chancel-railing, so as to be within easy reach of the elements.

3.) Come forward, not hurriedly, but yet promptly, and without delay.

4.) Take the cup into your own hand, as well as the bread. (Some make the minister put the cup to their lips.)

5.) Receive and give back the cup calmly and firmly, not with that quick, hurried, nervous movement which endangers the wine.

6.) Never go home before the Communion service has ended. Dinner and friends can wait.

7.) Do not fold, especially do not crumple, your alms, and the paper on which your name is written. It only makes needless trouble.

8.) If possible, always attend the Preparatory service; and when hindered always read the Preparatory service, carefully and reverently, at home.

9.) If not able to receive the Lord's Supper, nevertheless, send in your alms. It will do you good in several ways.

Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the United States, from the Adoption of the Constitution to the Present time.

No.	PRESIDENTS.	Residence.	Born	Years in office	Died.	Age at death	VICE-PRESIDENTS.	Installed into office.
1	GEORGE WASHINGTON	Virginia	1732	8	Dec. 14, 1799	68	JOHN ADAMS	1789
2	GEORGE WASHINGTON	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	JOHN ADAMS	1793
3	JOHN ADAMS	Mass	1735	4	July 4, 1826	91	THOMAS JEFFERSON	1797
4	THOMAS JEFFERSON	Virginia	1743	8	July 4, 1826	83	AARON BURR	1801
5	THOMAS JEFFERSON	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	GEORGE C. CLINTON	1805
6	JAMES MADISON	Virginia	1751	8	June 28, 1836	85	GEORGE C. CLINTON†	1809
7	JAMES MADISON	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	ELBRIDGE GERRY†	1813
8	JAMES MONROE	Virginia	1759	8	July 4, 1831	72	DANIEL D. TOMPKINS	1817
9	JAMES MONROE	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	DANIEL D. TOMPKINS	1821
10	JOHN Q. ADAMS	Mass	1767	4	Feb. 23, 1848	80	JOHN C. CALHOUN	1825
11	ANDREW JACKSON	Tenn	1767	8	June 8, 1845	78	JOHN C. CALHOUN	1829
12	ANDREW JACKSON	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	M. VAN BUREN	1833
13	MARTIN VAN BUREN	N. York	1782	4	July 24, 1862	79	RICHARD M. JOHNSON	1837
14	WM. H. HARRISON*	Ohio	1773	.....	April 4, 1841	68	JOHN TYLER	1841
	JOHN TYLER	Virginia	1790	4	Jan. 17, 1862	72	.....	1841
15	JAMES K. POLK	Tenn	1795	4	June 15, 1849	54	GEORGE M. DALLAS	1841
16	ZACHARY TAYLOR*	La	1784	1	July 9, 1850	66	MILLARD FILLMORE	1845
	MILLARD FILLMORE	N. York	1800	3	.....	.....	.....	1848
17	FRANKLIN PIERCE	N. Hamp	1804	4	Oct. 13, 1869	65	WILLIAM R. KING†	1850
18	JAMES BUCHANAN	Penn	1791	4	June 1, 1868	77	JOHN C. BRECKENRIDGE	1853
19	ABRAHAM LINCOLN	Illinois	1809	4	April 15, 1865	56	HANNIBAL HAMLIN	1857
20	ABRAHAM LINCOLN*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	ANDREW JOHNSON	1861
	ANDREW JOHNSON	Tenn	1808	4	July 21, 1875	61	.....	1865
21	ULYSSES S. GRANT	Illinois	1822	.....	.....	.....	SCHUYLER COLFAX	1869
22	ULYSSES S. GRANT	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	HENRY WILSON	1873

*Died in office, and was succeeded by the Vice-President. †Died in office.

OUR POSTAL SYSTEM.

NOTHING can give us a better idea of our national growth, than the following bird's eye view of the growth of our Postal System.

Year.	Number of Post Offices.	Income of the Department.	Expenditures of the Department.	Length of Post-Roads.
1790	75	$37,935	$32,140	1,875
1800	903	280,804	231,904	20,817
1810	2,300	551,684	495.969	36,070
1820	4,500	1,111,927	1,160,926	72,492
1830	8,450	1,919,300	1,959,109	115,176
1840	13,486	4,543,522	4,718,325	155,739
1850	18,417	5,499,987	5,212,953	178,672
1860	28,498	9,218,067	14,874,773	240,594
1870	28,492	19,772,220	23,998,837	231,232

POSTAGE LAWS.

Postal Cards, are one cent each.

Letters, to any part of the United States, 3 cents per ½ oz. or fraction thereof; forwarded to another post-office without charge, on request of the person addressed; if not called for, returned to the writer free, if so endorsed.

Unpaid letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office, at Washington.

Letters weighing *over* half an ounce, and prepaid a single rate, are forwarded to their destination, and the balance due collected on delivery

Drop, or local letters, 1 cent per ½ oz. or fraction thereof. At offices of free delivery, 2 cents.

Newspapers, and all periodicals sent from the office of publication, must be prepaid by the publisher. Weekly Newspapers are free in the county where issued, except when distributed by letter-carriers.

Miscellaneous matter, such as, unsealed circulars, maps, prints, engravings, music, cards, photographs, types, cuttings, roots, seeds, occasional publications, transient newspapers, magazines, prospectuses, books, book-manuscript, proof-sheets, corrected proof-sheets, patterns, samples of merchandise, &c.——is sent at the rate of one cent per ounce or fraction thereof.

Foreign postage is 5 cents per ½ oz., on letters, and 2 cents per 4 oz., on newspapers, to Germany, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Spain, Greece, Italy, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey. To other countries not belonging to the General Postal Union, various rates are charged.

Unmailable articles, are: liquids, poisons, glass, explosive chemicals, live animals, pointed instruments, sugar, or any other matter liable to deface or destroy the contents of the mail, or to injure those in the service. Also all indecent publications and writings.

Money can be sent to any part of the country with absolute safety, by obtaining a Money Order The fees are: On $15 or less, 10 cents; over $15 and not exceeding $30, 15 cents; over $30 and not exceeding $40, 20 cents; over $40 and not exceeding $50, 25 cents.

N. B. No order is issued for a larger sum than $50.

Registered letters cost ten cents extra, beside the regular postage.

Packages sent by mail are limited to four pounds, except books published or circulated by order of Congress.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

This table, giving the time and place of meeting and the Presidents of Maryland Classis, was prepared by Elder John Rodenmayer, of Baltimore, Md.

NOTE.—The Stated Clerk in 1820, was Rev. Albert Helffenstein; in 1821, Rev. James R. Reily; in 1822, Rev. Jacob Geiger; in 1823, Rev. David Bossler; in 1824, Rev. James R. Reily; in 1825, Rev. S. K. Denius; in 1826, Rev. Samuel Helffenstein; in 1827, Rev. Jacob Helffenstein; in 1828, Rev. Martin Bruner; in 1829, Rev. Jacob Geiger; in 1830, Rev. John C. Bucher; in 1831, Rev. John H. Smaltz; in 1832, Rev. Albert Helffenstein; in 1833, Rev. G. W. Glessner; in 1834, Rev. Wm. A. Good; from 1835 to 1841, Rev. John W. Hoffmeier; from 1842 to 1867, Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower; from 1868 to 1875, Rev. Simon S. Miller.

PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.
Frederick, Md.....May 1st, 1820.	Rev. William Runkel.
Sharpsburg, Md..... " 20th, 1821.	" John Braun, D. D.
Manchester, " ..... " 5th, 1822.	" Jonath'n Helffenstein.
Emmittsburg," ..... " 25th, 1823.	" Albert Helffenstein.
Martinsburg, Va.....June 13th, 1824.	" F. A. Scholl.
Uniontown, Md.....May 26th, 1825.	" Jacob Geiger.
Greencastle, Pa..... " 20th, 1826.	" S. K. Denius.
Boonsboro, Md.....June 10th, 1827.	" F. A. Scholl.
Manchester, " ..... " 1st, 1828.	" Samuel Helffenstein.
Shepherdstown, Va..... " 14th, 1829.	" Martin Bruner.
Emmittsburg, Md.....May 23d, 1830.	" Jacob Geiger.
Middletown, Md..... " 1st, 1831.	" John C. Bucher, D.D.
Taneytown, Md..... " 7th, 1832.	" D. Graves.
Sharpsburg, Md..... " 5th, 1833.	" Albert Helffenstein.
Woodstock, Va..... " 4th, 1834.	" John Rebaugh.
Waynesboro,' Pa..... " 18th, 1835	" J. F. Diffenbacher.
Shepherdstown, Va..2d Sat. in May, 1836.	" J. C. Bucher, D.D.
Manchester, Md..... " 17th, 1837.	" R. Douglas.
Woodstock, Va....Sat. after 3d Sun., 1838.	" G. W. Glessner.
Emmittsburg, Md..... May 18th, 1839.	" Elias Heiner, D.D.
Clearspring, Md..... " 16th, 1840.	" R. Douglas.
Taneytown, Md..... " 15th, 1841.	" D. Zacharias, D.D.
Westminster, Md..... " 13th, 1842.	" J. C. Bucher, D.D.
Martinsburg, Va..... " 19th, 1843.	" A. P. Freese.
Middletown, Md..... " 17th, 1844.	" G. W. Williard, D.D.
Frederick, Md..... " 17th, 1845.	" William Philips.
Manchester, Md..... " 16th, 1846.	" M. Kieffer, D.D.
Burkittsville, Md..... " 14th, 1847.	" Isaac Gerhart.
Sharpsburg, Md..... " 19th, 1848.	" B. C. Wolff, D.D.
Funkstown, Md..... " 18th, 1849.	" S. N. Callender, D.D.
Emmittsburg, Md..... " 19th, 1850.	" D. Zacharias, D.D.
Middletown, Md..... " 16th, 1851.	" Elias Heiner, D.D.
Hagerstown, Md..... " 14th, 1852.	" C. F. McCauley, D.D.
Manchester, Md..... " 16th, 1853.	" M. L. Shuford.
Taneytown, Md..... " 19th, 1854.	" G.W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.
Baltimore, Md..... " 18th, 1855.	" W. F. Colliflower.
Jefferson, Md ..... " 16th, 1856.	" J. W. Santee, D.D.
Frederick, Md..... " 15th, 1857.	" A. P. Freese.
Hagerstown, Md..... " 14th, 1858.	" D. Zacharias, D.D.
Clearspring, Md..... " 13th, 1859.	" G. W. Glessner.
Sharpsburg, Md..... " 18th, 1860.	" Elias Heiner, D.D.
Middletown, Md... ..... " 24th, 1861.	" J. S. Foulk.
Jefferson, Md..... " 16th, 1862.	" D. Zacharias, D.D.
Manchester, Md..... " 15th, 1863.	" M. L. Shuford.
Boonsboro', Md..... " 6th, 1864	" J. G. Fritchey.
Burkittsville, Md.....June 9th, 1865.	" R. Douglas.
Baltimore, Md.....May 25th, 1866.	" F. A. Rupley.
Emmittsburg, Md..... " 24th, 1867.	" E. R. Eschbach.
Middletown, Md..... " 22d, 1868.	" J. M. Titzel.
Frederick, Md.....April 29th, 1869.	" William Goodrich
Westminster, Md.....May 19th, 1870.	" J. W. Santee, D.D.
Baltimore, Md.....June 1st, 1871.	" J. S. Kieffer.
Clearspring, Md.....May 23d, 1872.	" Geo. L. Staley, D.D.
Boonsboro', Md..... " 15th, 1873.	" W. C. Cremer.
Manchester, Md.....June 4th, 1874.	" D. Gans, D.D.
Hagerstown, Md.....April 29th, 1875.	" A. R. Kremer.

MEETING OF THE CLASSES

OF THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH, AND THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
EAST PENNSYLVANIA	Millersville, Berks County, Pa	May 23d, 1876.
LEBANON	Schuylkill Haven, Pa	June 7th, 1876.
PHILADELPHIA	Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia	May 26th, 1876.
MERCERSBURG	Greencastle, Franklin County, Pa	May 17th, 1876.
MARYLAND	Westminster, Maryland	May 15th, 1876.
ALLEGHENY	Butler, Harmony County, Pa	May 19th, 1876.
SAN FRANCISCO	San Francisco, Cal	June 9th, 1876.
VIRGINIA	Near Rinkerton, Shenandoah County, Va	May 18th, 1876.
WEST SUSQUEHANNA	Jacksonville, Centre County, Pa	May 17th, 1876.
GOSHENHOPPEN	New Goshenhoppen, Pa	June 2d, 1876.
TOHICKON	Richlandtown, Bucks County, Pa	June 15th, 1876.
LANCASTER	New Holland, Lancaster County, Pa	June 8th, 1876.
WESTMORELAND	Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pa	June 9th, 1876.
NEW YORK	New York City	June 13th, 1876.
EAST SUSQUEHANNA	Mahanoy Charge, Northumberland County, Pa	June 1st, 1876.
ST. PAUL'S	Sharon, Mercer County, Pa	June 7th, 1876.
CLARION	South Bend Charge, Clarion County, Pa	May 25th, 1876.
SOMERSET	Levansville, Somerset County, Pa	June 8th, 1876.
ZION'S	Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa	May 19th, 1876.
NORTH CAROLINA	"Brick Church," Guilford County, N. C	May 4th, 1876.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received by Certificate.	Communed during the year.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Benevolent Contributions.
United States	8	175	424	63,116	35,231	5,549	3,589	1,215	49,137	18	635	2,140	440	27,917	42	$40,390.11
Ohio	13	148	341	23,345	11,976	2,095	1,514	843	18,891	240	294	572	246	17,289	16	10,419.27
North-West	8	108	176	14,070	11,257	1,603	1,113	718	11,636	114	336	429	140	5,679	5	8,887.44
Pittsburg	5	60	122	9,864	8,943	972	711	388	8,302	7	165	257	73	4,578	10	13,462.40
Potomac	6	103	247	25,108	16,046	1,617	1,270	369	22,309	2	218	606	217	12,387	31	11,416.09
Eastern German	4	29	31	6,615	4,223	1,771	569	200	6,088	6	150	503	32	4,355	3	4,491.83
Total, 6 Synods	44	623	1,341	142,118	87,676	13,607	8,766	3,733	116,363	387	1,798	4,507	1,148	72,205	107	$89,067.14

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LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa	Rev. D. B. ALBRIGHT	74
Butler, Butler County, Pa	Rev. J. B. THOMPSON	45

DEATHS OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1874, TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1875.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
CHARLES ZWISLER	Sept., 1825	Sept. 29th, 1825	Canfield, Ohio	Sept. 19th, 1874	71
JOHN GEORGE KISSEL			South Whitley, Ind.	Oct. 27th, 1874	67
JOHN S. EBAUGH		Sept. 9th, 1818	New York	" 29th, 1874	81
CHRISTIAN WEILER	Sept., 1836	Sept. 7th, 1836	Galion, Ohio	Jan. 4th, 1875	71
HENRY ERNEST FRED'K VOIGT.		Germany	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	" 14th, 1875	90
JESSE SCHLOSSER		——— —, 1844	Three Rivers, Mich.	" " "	63
ABNER DALE	May, 1856	——— —, 1857	Fairview, Pa.	" 16th, "	46
PHILIP ZEISER		Sept. 14th, 1824	New Hamburg, Pa.	" 25th, "	73
JOHN W. LESCHER	——— —, 1844	——— —, 1844	Millersburg, Pa.	" 27th, "	58
JOHN ZUILCH	Sept., 1816	Sept. 3d, 1816	Steinsville, Pa.	Feb. 3d, 1875	80
AMOS F. ZARTMAN	May, 1872	May 5th, 1872	Tiffin, Ohio	April 19th, 1875	29
DAVID BOSSLER	Oct. 4th, 1821	Oct. 4th, 1821	York, Pa.	May 14th, 1875	76
JACOB BURKHOLDER	——— —, 1862	——— —, 1869	Denver, Miami Co., Ind.	Aug. 17th, 1875	52
HENRY HESS	——— —, 1839	——— —, 1839	Mansfield, Ohio	" 18th, "	65

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
English.—			
Reformed Church Messenger	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Weekly	1827
Christian World	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.	"	1848
Reformed Missionary	Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa	Monthly	1860
The Guardian	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	"	1850
Child's Treasury	" " " "	Semi-monthly.	1859
Mercersburg Review	" " " "	Quarterly	1849
Reformed Era	East End, Pittsburg, Pa.	Every other week	1873
Reformed Church Herald	Bethlehem, Pa.	Monthly	1873
College Days	Lancaster, Pa.	"	1873
Heidelberg Teacher	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.	"	1873
Leaves of Light	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1873
College Times	Tiffin, Ohio.	Monthly	1873
German.—			
Kirchenzeitung und Evangelist	Cleveland, Ohio.	Weekly	1838
Reformirte Hausfreund	Reading, Pa.	Every other week	1866
Der Lämmerhirte	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Monthly	1859
Morgen-Stern	Cleveland, Ohio	"	1863

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ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1877.

Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
New Moon.	First Quarter.	Full Moon.	Last Quarter.	♄ Saturn.	♂ Mars.	♀ Venus.	☽ Moon.
				♃ Jupiter.	☉ Sun.	☿ Mercury.	♅ Herschel.

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. | □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. | △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

THE TWELVE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.

1. ARIES [the Ram, ♈] contains about 66 stars. The sun enters this constellation about the 20th of March. At this time the flocks of the shepherds brought their young, and the ram being the representative of the flocks, the constellation was named after him.

2. TAURUS [the Bull, ♉] has 141 stars. The sun enters Taurus the 20th of April. This sign was named after the horned cattle, for reasons similar to those given above.

3. GEMINI [the Twins, ♊] has about 85 stars. The sun enters Gemini the 21st of May. About this time pleasant weather exists; trees bloom, birds sings; in fact all the different phases of Nature seem to blend in perfect harmony. Twins are symbolical of love, since they are always greatly attached, and hence the name.

4. CANCER [the Crab, ♋] numbers 83 stars. The sun enters this sign about the 21st of June. Then the sun begins to retrograde, and since the crab moves backwards, this constellation was so named.

5. LEO [the Lion, ♌] has 95 stars. Sun enters Leo the 22d of July. The lion then leaves his hidden place and seeks for water, and becomes a terror in his heated nature.

6. VIRGO [the Virgin, ♍] has 110 stars. Sun enters Virgo the 23d of August. About harvest time, virgins follow the reapers with a measure in their hands, or sheafs of grain.

7. LIBRA [the Balance, ♎] has 57 stars. This sign was so named because the sun enters it about the 23d of September, when the days and nights are equal.

8. SCORPIO [the Scorpion, ♏] contains 25 stars. Sun enters Scorpio the 23d of October. Scorpio stings the earth, and causes disease, so that all vegetation dieth away.

9. SAGITTARIUS [the Bowman, ♐] has 65 stars. Sun enters Sagittarius the 22d of November, about the hunting season. The bowman or archer represents the hunting season.

10. CAPRICORNUS [the Goat, ♑] has 51 stars. Sun enters Capricornus about the 21st of December. The goat climbing the rocks represents the sun coming northward.

11. AQUARIUS [the Waterman, ♒] contains 108 stars. Sun enters Aquarius the 19th of January, when the rainy season commences.

12. PISCES [the Fishes, ♓] numbers 113 stars. Sun enters Pisces the 18th of February. This was their fishing time, therefore called the sign of the fishes.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, G. Golden Number, 16. Epact, 15. Solar Cycle, 10. Roman Indiction, 5. Julian Period, 6590.
The Jewish Era with their 5638th year, commences September 8th, 1877.
The Mohammedan Era with their 1294th year, commences January 16th, 1877.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Jany. 28.	Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.	Ascension, Holy Thurs., May 10.	Corpus Christi, May 31.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 11.	Palm Sunday, March 25.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost " 20.	First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 2.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13.	Easter Sunday, April 1.	Trinity Sunday, May 27.	Sundays after Trinity are 26.

THE EMBER DAYS.

February 21. | May 23. | September 19. | December 19.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, ☉ enters ♈ March 20th, 7 o'clock, 20 min. Morn.	Autumnal Equinox, ☉ enters ♎ Sept. 22d, 6 o'clock, 4 min. Eve.
Summer Solstice, " " ♋ June 21st, 3 " 16 " "	Winter Solstice, " " ♑ Dec. 21st, 12 " 12 " Aftn'n.

(☉) Sun is called the Governing Planet.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1877.

There will be five Eclipses, three of the Sun, and two of the Moon. The first is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, February 27th, 2 o'clock, 15 m n. in the afternoon; therefore invisible here.

The second is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, March 14th, 9 o'clock, 38 min. in the evening; invisible here, visible in Asia.

The third is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, August 9th, 12 o'clock, 30 min. in the morning. Invisible here; visible in Russian America.

The fourth is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, August 23, 6 o'clock, 11 min. in the evening; partly visible when the Moon rises, and ends at 8 o'clock, 9 min. in the evening.

The fifth is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, September 7th, 7 o'clock, 48 min. in the morning. Invisible here; visible in South America.

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JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 *New Year.*	John 1: 38-51	6 50	5	☿ rises 4 57 ♋	4 7	23 4 37	2 44	
Tuesday	2 Martyrs H Scrip	" 2:	8 1	18	♄ rises	4 7	23 4 37	3 32	
Wednesday	3 Gordius	" 3:	9 13	3	♄ sets 9 16	5 7	23 4 37	4 16	
Thursday	4 Titus	" 4:	10 18	16	Sirius south 11 36	5 7	22 4 38	5 6	
Friday	5 Simeon	" 5:	11 24	29	Rigel south 10 8	6 7	22 4 38	5 48	
Saturday	6 *Epiphany.*	" 6: 1-25	morn.	11	6th. ☌ Castor S. 12 14	6 7	21 4 39	6 34	

1] *1st Sunday after Epiphany,* Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 min.*

Sunday	7 Widukind	John 6: 26-71	12 29	24	♃ rises 4 58	7 7	21 4 39	7 21	
Monday	8 Severinus	" 7:	1 30	6	♄ rises 2 56	7 7	20 4 40	8 11	
Tuesday	9 Catharine Zell	" 8: 1-20	2 31	18	☾ ☽ ♄ ☿ ☿ ♃	8 7	19 4 41	8 58	
Wednesday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 8: 21-50	3 35	29	☿ sets 5 35	8 7	19 4 41	9 50	
Thursday	11 Fructuosus	" 9:	4 39	11	☿ gr. elon. e. ☽ ☿ ♃ ☿	8 7	18 4 42	10 46	
Friday	12 Jean Chastellian	" 10: 1-21	5 43	23	Neptune sta.	9 7	17 4 43	11 41	
Saturday	13 Hilary	" 10: 22-42	6 59	5	☿ rises 5 4 ♋	9 7	17 4 43	12 37	

2] *2d Sunday after Epiphany,* John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 28 min.*

Sunday	14 Felix	Mark 1: 1-20	☽ sets.	18	14th. ☽ in apo.	9 7	16 4 44	1 31	
Monday	15 John de Laski	" 1: 21-45	6 2	29	☾ ☽ ☿ ♄ sets 8 29	10 7	15 4 45	2 20	
Tuesday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 2:	7 4	12	♄ rises 2 43	10 7	15 4 45	3 30	
Wednesday	17 Anthony	" 3: 1-19	8 6	25	☿ stationary ☾ ☽ ♄	10 7	14 4 46	4 49	
Thursday	18 John Blackader	" 3: 20-35	9 9	8	☿ in Perihelion	11 7	13 4 47	5 36	
Friday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 4:	10 6	21	☿ rises 5 14	11 7	12 4 48	6 24	
Saturday	20 Fabian	" 5: 6: 1-6	11 3	4	☉ enters ♒	11 7	11 4 49	7 10	

3] *3d Sunday after Epiphany,* Matth. 8: 1–13; Rom. 12: 17–21. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 38 min.*

Sunday	21 Agnes	Mark 6: 7-29	11 59	17	☊. ♃ rises 4 10	12 7	11 4 49	7 51	
Monday	22 Vincent	" 6: 30-56	morn.	1	22d. □ Neptune ☉	12 7	10 4 50	8 34	
Tuesday	23 Isaiah	" 7: 1-23	12 50	15	Pollux s'th 10 14	12 7	9 4 51	9 22	
Wednesday	24 Timothy	" 7: 24-37	2 9	29	Regulus rises 6 50	12 7	8 4 52	10 12	
Thursday	25 *Paul's Convers.*	" 8:	3 18	14	♄ sets 7 40	13 7	7 4 53	10 52	
Friday	26 Polycarp	" 9:	4 34	29	☾ ☿ ☉ Inferior ♋	13 7	6 4 54	11 39	
Saturday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 10: 1-31	5 43	14	☿ rises 5 30	13 7	5 4 55	12 21	

4] *Septuagesima Sunday,* Matth. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–27—10: 1–5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 52 min.*

Sunday	28 Charlemagne	Luke 3:	6 45	28	☽ in per	13 7	4 4 56	1 1	
Monday	29 Juventin	" 4:	☽ rises.	12	29th. 7* so. 6 54	13 7	3 4 57	1 38	
Tuesday	30 Henry Müller	" 5:	6 44	26	♄ rises 2 31	14 7	1 4 59	2 24	
Wednesday	31 Hans Sachs	" 6: 1-19	7 51	10	♃ rises 3 40	14 7	0 5 0	3 6	

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 6th, 9 o'clock, 17 min., morning.
New Moon, 14th, 8 " 27 " " "
First Quarter, 22d, 10 " 53 " forenoon.
Full Moon, 29th, 3 " 38 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9, cloudy, snow; 10, 11, 12, 13, fair, cold; 14, 15, 16, rain and snow; 17, 18, 19, cold; 20, 21, snow; 22, 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, rain and snow; 27, 28, cold; 29, 30, 31, variable.

THE INFANT MARTYRS.

Sad was the day in Bethlehem, when Herod's cruel hand was laid upon the tender, innocent children of the city of David. Read Matt. ii. 16-18.

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ANOTHER WATCHMAN'S SONG.

Hark! ye neighbors, and hear me tell—
Ten now strikes on the belfry bell!
Ten are the holy Commandments given
To man below from God in heaven.

CHORUS.

Human watch from harm can't ward us;
God will watch and God will guard us:
He, through His eternal might,
Grant us all a blessed night.

Hark! ye neighbors, and hear me tell—
Eleven sounds on the belfry bell!
Eleven Apostles, of holy mind,
Taught the Gospel to mankind.
Human watch, &c.

Hark! ye neighbors, and hear me tell—
Twelve resounds from the belfry bell!
Twelve disciples to Jesus came,
Who suffered rebuke for their Saviour's name.
Human watch, &c.

Hark! ye neighbors, hear me tell—
One has pealed from the belfry bell;
One God above, one Lord indeed,
Who bears us forth in the hour of need.
Human watch, &c.

Hark! ye neighbors, and hear me tell—
Two resounds from the belfry bell!
Two paths before mankind are free;
Neighbor, choose the best for thee.
Human watch, &c.

Hark! ye neighbors and hear me tell—
Three now sounds on the belfry bell!
Threefold reigns the Heavenly Host—
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Human watch, &c. —*N. Y. Observer*

SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

There are 140,000 saloons in the country, against 128,000 schools, and only 54,000 churches. Manufacturers and sellers of strong drink, 560,000—twelve times the number of clergymen, four times the teachers, nearly double the lawyers, physicians, teachers and ministers combined.

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.		HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1	Ignatius	Luke 6: 20–49	8 57	♐ 24	♀ rises 5 40	♌	14 6	59 5	1	3 49
Friday	2	*Candle Mass*	" 7:	10 1	♑ 7	♂. Sirius south 9 35		14 6	58 5	2	4 39
Saturday	3	Ansgar	" 8:	11 3	♑ 20	Orion south 8 42		14 6	57 5	3	5 10

5] *Sexagesima Sunday,* Luke 8: 4–14; 2 Cor. 11: 19–33—12: 1–9. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 8 *min.*

Sunday	4	Rhaban. Maurus	Luke 9: 1–36	morn.	♒ 2	4th. ♄ sets 6 59		14 6	56 5	4	5 55
Monday	5	P. S. Spener	" 9: 37–62	12 1	♒ 14	7* south 6 28		14 6	55 5	5	6 40
Tuesday	6	Amandus	" 10:	1 8	♒ 26	♁ rises 2 20		14 6	54 5	6	7 25
Wednesday	7	George Wagner	" 11: 1–36	2 40	♓ 8	♂ ☽ ♁ ☿ stationary		14 6	53 5	7	8 15
Thursday	8	Maria Andrea	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	3 11	♓ 19	♂ ☽ ♃ ♃ rises 3 18		15 6	52 5	8	8 56
Friday	9	John Hooper	" 12: 13–59	4 6	♈ 1	♀ rises 5 42	♋	15 6	51 5	9	9 41
Saturday	10	F. C. Oetinger	" 13: 1–21	4 55	♈ 13	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ☿		15 6	50 5	10	10 39

6] *Quinquagesima Sunday,* Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–13. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 24 *min.*

Sunday	11	H. de St. Victor	Lu. 13: 22–35	5 36	♈ 27	♂ ♓ ☉ ♂ ☽ ♀		15 6	48 5	12	11 37
Monday	12	Lady Jane Grey	" 14:	6 19	♉ 8	Arctur rises 9 14		15 6	47 5	13	12 26
Tuesday	13	*Shrove Tuesday*	" 15:	☽ sets.	♉ 21	13th. Spica rises 10 4		14 6	45 5	15	1 35
Wednesday	14	*Ash Wednesday*	" 16:	6 29	♊ 4	♌. ♂ ☽ ♄ ♄ sets 6 19		14 6	44 5	16	2 20
Thursday	15	Jacob von Loh	" 17: 1-19	7 34	♊ 17	♃ rises 2 30		14 6	43 5	17	3 8
Friday	16	Matth. Desübas	" 17: 20-37	8 40	♋ 1	♁ rises 2 2		14 6	42 5	18	3 49
Saturday	17	Pat. Hamilton	" 18: 1-30	9 46	♋ 14	♀ rises 5 43		14 6	41 5	19	4 35

7] 1*st Sunday in Lent,* Matth. 4: 5–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 42 *min.*

Sunday	18	Simeon of Jerus.	Luke 18:31-19; 1-28	10 59	♋ 28	☉ enters ♓		14 6	39 5	21	5 22
Monday	19	Mesrob	" 19:29-20; 1-18	morn.	♌ 12	☿ rises 5 44		14 6	38 5	22	6 6
Tuesday	20	Sadoth	" 20: 19-21; 1-4	12 4	♌ 26	20th. ☿ gr. elon. w.		14 6	37 5	23	6 48
Wednesday	21	*Emberday*	" 21: 5-35	1 12	♍ 10	☿ in ♉. ♁ in ♉.		14 6	35 5	25	7 34
Thursday	22	*Washington B.*	" 22: 1-30	2 26	♍ 25	Capella south 6 44	♌	14 6	34 5	26	8 20
Friday	23	B. Ziegenbalg	" 22: 31-71	3 38	♎ 9	♃ rises 1 39		14 6	33 5	27	9 15
Saturday	24	Matthias	" 23:	4 32	♎ 23	♀ rises 5 42		13 6	32 5	28	10 19

8] *2d Sunday in Lent,* Matth. 15: 21–28; 1 Thes. 4: 18. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 58 *min.*

Sunday	25	Casp. Olevianus	Mark 10: 32-52	5 12	♎ 7	♁ rises 1 42		13 6	31 5	29	10 20
Monday	26	Berthold Haller	" 11:	5 52	♎ 21	☽ in per. ♉.		13 6	29 5	31	12 22
Tuesday	27	Martin Bucer	" 12:	☽ rises.	♏ 5	27th. Regulus rises 11 6		13 6	28 5	32	1 23
Wednesday	28	Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 13:	6 44	♏ 18	♂ ♄ ☉ Spica " 10 58		13 6	27 5	33	2 12

(♀) Venus is Morning Star till the 6th of May; then Evening Star to the end of the year.
(♄) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun, the 23th, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 4th, 11 o'clock, 59 min. Evening.
New Moon, 13th, 3 " 58 " Morning.
First Quart., 20th, 11 " 15 " Evening.
Full Moon, 27th, 2 " 14 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, snow storm; 3, 4, N. W. cold; 5, 6, coldest days; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, 24, snow; 25, 26, 27, 28, fair.

WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE.

On Christmas night, 1776, Washington, with part of his discouraged army, crossed the Delaware, now covered with dangerous, floating ice, marched them down to Trenton, and early in the morning attacked the unsuspecting enemy, gaining an easy and speedy victory. This dangerous but successful stroke spread joy and hope throughout the land. Washington returned to camp with a thousand prisoners, having lost only four men.

DOES IT WRONG THE OLD TESTAMENT?

The Gospels and Epistles of the Christian Church Year are, with one exception (Ash Wednesday), taken from the New Testament. Is not this a wrong to the Old Testament? Does it not altogether leave that ancient record, that large part of God's word, quite out of view?

So it does seem to some good people; but it is so only in appearance.

How can your Pastor preach on the Gospels and Epistles of Advent and Christmas without using the prophecies that relate to these events? How can he preach on Good Friday without explaining the Old Testament priesthood and sacrifices? How can he preach at Whitsuntide about the coming of the Holy Ghost and the founding of the Christian Church, without explaining the catholicity of Christianity over against the narrowness of Judaism? Indeed, how can he preach on the Lord's Supper, without referring to the old Passover?

You see, then, the Christian Church Year is full of the Old Testament, though the Gospels and Epistles are all taken from the New.

RAMBO APPLES AND CHURCH BOOKS.

"How do you sell these rambo apples?"

"Thirty-five cents a peck; but here is another kind at twenty-five cents."

Just then a book agent came in, and the grocer, after considerable delay, bought a book, published by our own Board, at two dollars.

"Why are these Church books so high?" said the grocer. "Only lately I bought one of the same size from a New York agent for one-fourth less."

"For the same reason that rambo apples cost more than the common kind. Compare your books, in regard to contents, paper, binding, and general merit, and you will see that Church books are superior."

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MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday 1	Suidbert	Luke 14: 1-54	7 49	♈ 2	7* sets 12 20 ♋	13 6	25 5 35		3 4
Friday 2	John Wesley	" 14: 55-15; 1-15	8 51	♈ 15	Sirius south 7 47	12 6	24 5 36		3 44
Saturday 3	Bathilde	" 15: 16-47	9 50	♈ 27	☿ in Aphelion	12 6	23 5 37		4 30

10] *3d Sunday in Lent,* Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 18 *min.*

Sunday	4	George Wishart	Matth. 20: 17-33	10 42	♉ 9	♀ rises 5 41	12 6	21 5 39		5	12
Monday	5	Thomas Aquinas	" 21:	11 36	♉ 21	Spica rises 8 48	12 6	20 5 40		5	50
Tuesday	6	Fridolin	" 22:	morn.	♊ 3	6th. ♃ rises 12 56	11 6	19 5 41		6	41
Wednesday	7	Perpetua	" 23:	12 28	♊ 15	♀ in Aph. ☌ ☽ ♃	11 6	17 5 43		7	29
Thursday	8	Zach. Ursinus	" 24: 1-31	1 16	♊ 27	☌ ☽ ♄ ♄ rises 1 34 ♋	11 6	16 5 44		8	11
Friday	9	Cyrillus	" 24: 32-51	2 8	♋ 9	Arctur rises 7 38	11 6	15 5 45		8	54
Saturday	10	40 Marts. at Sebaste	" 25:	2 58	♋ 22	☽ in apo.	10 6	13 5 47		9	50

11] *4th Sunday in Lent,* John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 36 *min.*

Sunday	11	Wm. Hoseus	Matth. 26: 1-13	3 40	♋ 4	Regulus south 10 34	10 6	12 5 48		10	46
Monday	12	Greg. the Great	" 26: 14-35	4 42	♋ 17	♄ rises 5 52	10 6	11 5 49		11	38
Tuesday	13	Rudericus	" 26: 36-56	5 43	♌ 0	☽ ☌ ☿ ☌ ♄ [5 38	10 6	10 5 50		12	27
Wednesday	14	Matilda	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	☽ sets.	♌ 13	14th. ☊. ☌ rises	9 6	8 5 52		1	21
Thursday	15	Thos. Cranmer	" 27: 3-31	7 29	♌ 26	♃ rises 12 39	9 6	7 5 53		2	10
Friday	16	Heribert	" 27: 32-50	8 40	♍ 10	Procyon south 7 46	9 6	5 5 55		3	5
Saturday	17	St. Patrick	" 27: 51-56	9 44	♍ 24	Orion sets 12 24	8 6	4 5 56		3	50

12] *5th Sunday in Lent,* John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 54 *min.*

Sunday	18	Alexander	John 11:	10 39	♍ 8	♄ rises 1 29	8 6	3 5 57		4	38
Monday	19	Mary & Martha	" 12:	11 32	♎ 23	☌ ☿ ☌ . ♄ rises 5 24	8 6	2 5 58		5	21
Tuesday	20	Ambrose of Sien.	" 13: 1-30	morn.	♎ 8	☉ ent. ♈. Day and Night equal	8 6	0 6 0		6	8
Wednesday	21	Benedict	" 13: 31-14	12 25	♎ 22	Spring commences	7 5	59 6 1		6	49
Thursday	22	Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 15:	1 32	♏ 6	22d. □ ♃ ☉ ♋	7 5	57 6 3		7	32
Friday	23	Wolfgang	" 16:	2 29	♏ 20	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	7 5	56 6 4		8	24
Saturday	24	Florentius	" 17:	3 20	♐ 3	♀ rises 5 35	6 5	54 6 6		9	13

13] *Palm Sunday,* John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–11. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 14 *min.*

Sunday	25	Ann. V. Mary	Lam. Jeremiah	4 0	♑ 17	☌ ☿ ♀ ♄ rises 1 19	6 5	53 6 7		10	11
Monday	26	Lindger	Heb. 8:	4 29	♑ 1	☽ in per. ♃ rises 12 6	6 5	52 6 8		11	10
Tuesday	27	Rupertus	" 9:	4 56	♒ 14	♂. 7* sets 10 48	5 5	51 6 9		12	9
Wednesday	28	John von Goch	" 10:	5 25	♒ 27	♄ rises 4 56 [Lat. S.	5 5	49 6 11		1	0
Thursday	29	Eustatius	John 6:	☽ rises.	♓ 10	29th. ♀ gr. Hel.	5 5	48 6 12		1	40
Friday	30	*Maunday Thurs.*	Luke 23: 32-49	7 58	♓ 23	♀ rises 5 32	5 5	47 6 13		2	21
Saturday	31	*Good Friday*	Heb. 4:	8 59	♈ 5	Sirius sets 11 5	4 5	45 6 15		3	11

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 6th, 5 o'clock, 0 min., evening.
New Moon, 14th, 9 " 33 " "
First Quarter, 22d, 8 " 9 " morning.
Full Moon, 29th, 12 " 43 " " .

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain and snow; 3, 4, N. W. cold; 5, 6, cloudy; 7, 8, 9, moderate; 10, 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, 15, pleasant; 16, 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, stormy; 23, 24, 25, showers; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, stormy; 30, 31, clr.

Good Friday.

The third hour they CRUCIFIED Him.
Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews.
WORTHY IS THE LAMB.
He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities.
God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
SAVIOUR

PASSION WEEK.

"Behold we go up to Jerusalem," tenderly said Jesus to the twelve, "and all things, that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man, shall be accomplished."

What a sad journey that was, from Galilee to Jerusalem!

In the impressive daily services of Passion week, we also go thus up to Jerusalem, and see anew the closing scenes of His earthly life.

Let us go up earnestly, thoughtfully, tenderly, penitently, and prayerfully. Let us try to be in proper sympathy with our suffering Lord.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Christ placed all rest, and had no resting place;
He healed each pain, yet lived in sore distress;
Deserved all good, yet lived in great disgrace:
Gave all hearts joy, Himself in heaviness;
Suffered them live, by whom Himself was slain;
Lord, who can live to see such love again?

—*Countess of Pembroke.*

"HE SUFFERED."

The sufferings of the holy Saviour were neither accidental nor arbitrary, but a necessity, namely, the result of conflict with the powers of darkness.

Through the sin of the first Adam the race was brought under the power of the devil, and could be delivered again only by a stronger power. (Luke xi. 22.)

Therefore the process of redemption was through suffering, and His sufferings ran through His whole life, increasing as He drew near the end, dragging Him down even to death, and sending His holy soul into Hades.

But He could not be holden of death. "Having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. ii. 15.)

SENDING PRAYERS IN A CART.

Mr. Spurgeon tells the following story: "A poor man who had a large family gave them a very comfortable support while he was in health. He broke his leg, and was laid up for some weeks. As he would be for some time destitute of the means of grace, it was proposed to hold a prayer-meeting at his house. The meeting was led by Deacon Brown. A loud knock at the door interrupted the service. A tall, lank, blue-frocked youngster stood at the door with an ox-goad in his hand, and asked to see Deacon Brown. 'Father could not attend this meeting,' he said, 'but he sent his prayers, and they are out in the cart.' They were brought in, in the shape of potatoes, beef, pork, and corn. The meeting broke up without the benediction. Nor did the poor fellow suffer during his whole confinement. The substantial prayers of the donors became means of grace."

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Asp of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
13] *'aster Sunday,*		John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 32 *min.*				
Sunday	1 *Easter Sunday*	John 20: 1-18	9 56	♋ 17	♀ rises 5 28 ☊	4 5	4 46	6 16	4 16
Monday	2 *Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1-12	10 50	♌ 29	♄ rises 4 36	4 5	4 43	6 17	5 6
Tuesday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	Acts 2: 22-47	11 42	♍ 11	Aldebaran sets 10 34	3 5	4 41	6 19	5 48
Wednesday	4 Ambrose	1 Cor. 15:	morn.	♎ 23	☾ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 11 43	3 5	4 40	6 20	6 31
Thursday	5 Christ. Scriver.	Romans 6:	12 40	♏ 5	5th. Sirius sets 10 40 ☋	3 5	3 39	6 21	7 20
Friday	6 Albert Durer	" 8:	1 42	♐ 17	☾ ☽ ♄. ☾ ☿ ☉ sup.	2 5	3 38	6 22	8 10
Saturday	7 Olaus Peterson	1 Cor. 3:	2 32	♑ 29	☽ in apo. ♄ rises 1 10	2 5	3 37	6 23	8 51
14] 1*st Sunday after Easter,*		John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–10.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	John 1:	2 59	♒ 12	Orion sets 11 8	2 5	3 35	6 25	9 40
Monday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 2:	3 28	♓ 25	Regulus south 8 40	2 5	3 34	6 26	10 21
Tuesday	10 Fulbert	" 3:	3 57	♈ 8	☾ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 4 6	1 5	3 33	6 27	11 11
Wednesday	11 Leo the Great	" 4:	4 18	♉ 21	☿ in ☊. ☊	1 5	3 31	6 29	11 51
Thursday	12 Sabas	" 5:	4 54	♊ 4	Wega south 1 16	0 5	3 30	6 30	12 36
Friday	13 Justin Martyr	" 6: 1-40	☽ sets.	♋ 18	13th. ☾ ☽ ♀	0 5	2 29	6 31	1 24
Saturday	14 John Eccart	" 6: 41-71	8 1	♌ 3	☾ ☽ ☿. ♃ rises 11 28	sun 5	2 28	6 32	2 12
15] 2*d Sunday after Easter,*		John 10: 11–16; 1 Pet. 2: 20–25.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 6 *min.*				
Sunday	15 Simon Dach	John 7:	9 14	♍ 18	7* sets 9 34	fast 5	2 27	6 33	2 52
Monday	16 Peter Waldo	" 8: 1-30	10 49	♎ 3	☿ in Perihelion	0 5	2 25	6 35	3 42
Tuesday	17 Mappalicus	" 8: 31-59	11 40	♏ 18	♁ rises 12 58	0 5	2 24	6 36	4 34
Wednesday	18 Luther at Worms	" 9:	morn.	♐ 2	♄ rises 3 37 ☊	1 5	2 23	6 37	5 22
Thursday	19 Melancthon	" 10:	12 41	♑ 16	♃ stationary	1 5	2 21	6 39	6 12
Friday	20 John Bugenhag	" 11:	1 33	♒ 0	20th. ☉ enters ♉	1 5	2 20	6 40	7 6
Saturday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 12:	2 11	♒ 14	Orion sets 10 14	1 5	1 19	6 41	7 56
16] 3*d Sunday after Easter,*		John 16: 16–22; 1 Pet. 2: 11–19.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 24 *min.*				
Sunday	22 Origen	John 13: 14:	2 44	♓ 28	☽ in per. Sirius sets 9 32	2 5	1 18	6 42	8 44
Monday	23 Adelbert	" 15:	3 12	♈ 11	☋. ☾ Neptune ☉	2 5	1 17	6 43	9 40
Tuesday	24 Wilfrid	" 16: 17:	3 39	♉ 24	♁ rises 12 48	2 5	1 15	6 45	10 35
Wednesday	25 St. Mark, Evan	" 18:	4 4	♊ 7	♃ rises 11 8	2 5	1 14	6 46	11 31
Thursday	26 Trudpert	" 19:	4 28	♋ 19	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2 5	1 13	6 47	12 27
Friday	27 Otto Catelin	" 20:	☽ rises.	♌ 1	27th. ♓ stationary	2 5	1 12	6 48	1 23
Saturday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 21:	8 0	♌ 14	Antares rises 9 34	3 5	1 11	6 49	2 10
17] 4*th Sunday after Easter,*		John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 40 *min.*				
Sunday	29 L. von Berquin	Heb. 1: 2:	8 58	♍ 26	Arctur south 11 40	3 5	10 6	50	3 6
Monday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 3: 4:	9 56	♎ 8	♄ rises 3 4	3 5	9 6	51	4 4

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 5th, 11 o'clock, 29 min. forenoon.
New Moon, 13th, 12 " 49 " afternoon.
First Quart., 20th, 2 " 37 " "
Full Moon, 27th, 11 " 35 " forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy, rainy; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, showers; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, showers; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, 24, warm; 25, 26, 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, fair.

THE BOYS OF 1776

A year before the outbreak of the Revolution, Boston was full of British soldiers under General Gage. One day a number of boys came to him, "We come, sir," said the oldest of them, "to demand satisfaction."

"What!" said General Gage, "have your fathers been teaching you rebellion, and have you come to exhibit it here?"

"Nobody sent us," replied the boy. "We have never injured your troops; but they have trodden down our snow-hills, and broken the ice upon our skating-ground. We complained, and they told us to help ourselves if we could. Yesterday our works were destroyed the third time, and we will bear it no longer."

General Gage, admiring the spirit of the boys, replied, "You may go, my brave fellows; and be assured, if my troops trouble you again, they shall be punished." He then said to an officer, "The very children here draw in a love of liberty with the air they breathe."

Such was the spirit of 1776, which established the liberty we now enjoy, and whose first centennial we have just celebrated. Let us all, dear boys and girls, thank God for this liberty, and resolve to preserve it while we live.

FOOD FOR THE LAMBS.

A preacher who came late, and was very tiresome when he did come, once preached a very long, prosy sermon on "Feed my Lambs."

After the service one of the Elders said to him, "Brother, I have had some experience in raising lambs, and I have found the following to be good rules: First, give them their food in season; second, give them a little at a time; and third, give it to them warm."

TABLE PRAYERS.

Our heavenly Father, give us thankful hearts for these and all other mercies of Thy hand; keep us in Thy fear; pardon our sins and save us for the Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father in Heaven, we look to Thee for Thy blessing upon our daily bread; sanctify it to our use and us to Thy service for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Almighty God, we acknowledge Thy goodness in these new mercies, and pray that they may strengthen us for Thy service; nourish our souls with heavenly food, and save us for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desires of every living thing; give us thankful hearts for Thy goodness, and save us for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O God, Thou art the giver of all our blessings. Continue to supply our wants, and the wants of all Thy needy creatures. Strengthen us for Thy service, pardon our sins, and save us for the Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Sanctify, O Lord, this food of Thy mercy to our use and us to Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our sins, and save us in Thy Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

We thank Thee, O God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, for these new provisions of Thy bounty. Feed our immortal souls with the bread of life, and admit us at last to the table of Thy Saints in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY, *5th Month, 31 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1	Philip & James	Heb. 5: 6:	10 15	♈ 20	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 10 41 ♓	3 5	7 6	5 3	4 44
Wednesday	2	Athanasius	" 7:	11 42	♉ 2	☿ sets 7 40 ♋	3 5	6 6	5 4	5 32
Thursday	3	Monica	" 8:	morn.	♉ 14	☿ gr. Elon. East [35	3 5	5 6	5 5	6 19
Friday	4	Florian	" 9:	12 20	♉ 26	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 12	3 5	4 6	5 6	7 9
Saturday	5	Fred. the Wise	" 10:	12 56	♊ 8	5th. ☽ in apo.	3 5	3 6	5 7	7 59

18] *5th Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 56 *min.*

Sunday	6	John of Damasc.	Heb. 11:	1 25	♈ 20	☌ ♀ ☉ Superior	4 5	2 6	5 8	8 40
Monday	7	Otto the Great	" 12:	1 52	♈ 2	Spica south 10 20	4 5	1 6	5 9	9 20
Tuesday	8	Stanislaus	" 13:	2 16	♈ 15	☍. ☌ ☽ ♄: ♄ rises 2 36	4 5	0 7	0 10	8
Wednesday	9	Gr'g. Nanzianzen	John 14:	2 38	♈ 28	♃ rises 10 11	4 4	59 7	1 10	56
Thursday	10	*Ascension Day*	Col. 2:	3 2	♉ 12	Libræ south 11 52	4 4	58 7	2 11	41
Friday	11	John Arndt	John 15:	3 26	♉ 27	□ ⚹ ☉ Orion sets 9 0	4 4	57 7	3 12	20
Saturday	12	Meletius	" 16:	3 59	♊ 12	7* sets 7 50	4 4	56 7	4 1	1

19] *6th Sunday after Easter,* John 15: 26–16: 14; 1 Pet. 4: 8–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	13	Servatius	1 John 1:	☽ sets.	♊ 27	13th. ☌ ☽ ♀ [20	4 4	55 7	5 1	38
Monday	14	Pachomius	" 2:	9 34	♋ 12	☌ ☽ ☿. ♄ rises 12	4 4	54 7	6 2	22
Tuesday	15	Moses	" 3:	10 39	♋ 27	☿ stationary ♌	4 4	53 7	7 3	10
Wednesday	16	5 Martyrs at L.	" 4:	11 29	♌ 12	♄ rises 2 5 [8 28	4 4	52 7	8 4	2
Thursday	17	Joachim of Flor.	" 5:	morn.	♌ 26	☽ in per. Antares rises	4 4	52 7	8 5	0
Friday	18	80 Marts. under Val.	Joel 3:	12 10	♍ 10	Sirius sets 8 0	4 4	51 7	9 5	50
Saturday	19	Alcuin	John 17:	12 46	♍ 24	19th. ♃ rises 9 49	4 4	50 7	10 6	39

20] *Whit Sunday or Pentecost,* John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 22 *min.*

Sunday	20	*Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	1 19	♎ 8	♍. Arctur south 10 20	4 4	49 7	11 7	26
Monday	21	*Whit Monday*	" 5:	1 48	♎ 21	☉ enters ♊	4 4	48 7	12 8	24
Tuesday	22	Castus & Aemil.	Romans 12:	2 16	♏ 4	Regulus sets 12 46	4 4	47 7	13 9	23
Wednesday	23	*Emberday*	1 Cor. 13:	2 46	♏ 16	☌ ☿ ♀ Spica south 9 16	4 4	46 7	14 10	23
Thursday	24	Augustine Cazal	Rom. 6: 19-7	3 6	♏ 28	♄ rises 1 33	3 4	46 7	14 11	22
Friday	25	Augustine	" 8:	3 34	♐ 11	♄ rises 12 6	3 4	45 7	15 12	21
Saturday	26	Beda Venerabilis	2 Cor. 5:	☽ rises.	♐ 23	26th. ☌ ☿ ☉ Inf.	3 4	44 7	16 1	20

21] *Trinity Sunday,* John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 34 *min.*

Sunday	27	John Calvin	Acts 1: 2:	8 42	♑ 5	Orion sets 7 18	3 4	43 7	17 2	18
Monday	28	Lanfranc	" 3:	9 23	♑ 17	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 9 26	3 4	43 7	17 3	12
Tuesday	29	David Zeisberger	" 4:	10 4	♑ 29	♄ rises 1 10 ♋	3 4	42 7	18 4	8
Wednesday	30	Jerome of Prag.	" 5:	10 28	♒ 11	☿ in Aphelion	3 4	41 7	19 5	6
Thursday	31	Joac'm Neander	" 6:	10 55	♒ 23	Pollux sets 10 52	3 4	41 7	19 5	54

(♀) Venus is in superior conjunction with the Sun, the 6th, passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 5th, 6 o'clock, 18 min., morning.
New Moon, 13th, 12 " 29 " "
First Quarter, 19th, 7 " 56 " evening.
Full Moon, 26th, 11 " 5 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, showers; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, rain.

PENN'S TREATY WITH THE INDIANS.

William Penn had inherited from his father a large claim against the English government, for which Charles II. gave him land in America, namely, the territory included in our present State, and which the King called Pennsylvania.

Penn, then a young man, came over in November, 1682, met the Indians under an elm tree that stood in what is now the North Eastern part of Philadelphia, and entered into a treaty of peace and good will with them.

You need to read the history of your country. You will find it very interesting, especially if you get the right book.

DO MISSIONS PAY?

As men advance from heathenism to Christianity new wants are created, which must be chiefly supplied from Christian countries. A recent writer attempts to estimate the commercial value of missions by the following statement:

"Our commerce with the Sandwich Islands alone amounts to $4,406,426. The profit on the trade for 1871 was $660,964, and this profit is the fruit of the Christianizing of those islands.

Still farther the whole amount spent upon the Sandwich Islands Missions, from their first establishment by the American Board, is $1,250,000; the profit of commerce with them *for one year* alone, was $660,964, or 53 per cent. of the whole cost of bringing the islanders from barbarism to Christianity.

The commerce between the British possessions in Africa and the ports of New England, during the year ending June 30th, 1871, amounted to $2,671,913. Fifteen per cent. gain on the trade gives $400,786 profit."

The same thing is true of Home Missions. Bring our western states and territories, especially the great Pacific slope, fully under the power of the Gospel, and you at once create new wants, and increase the amount of their commmercial transactions with eastern centres of trade.

JUNE, *6th Month, 30 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	Acts 7:	11 22	♌ 5	☽ in apo. ☋	3	4 40	7 20	6 40
Saturday	2 Pothinus	" 8:	11 45	♌ 17	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 11 49	2	4 40	7 20	7 21

22] *1st Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 16: 19–21; 1 John 4: 7–21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.*

Sunday	3 Chlotilde	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	morn.	♌ 29	♄ rises 12 50	2	4 39	7 21	8 11
Monday	4 Quirinus	Acts 10:	12 15	♍ 11	4th. ♂ ☽ ♄ ☊	2	4 39	7 21	8 52
Tuesday	5 Boniface	" 11:	12 34	♍ 24	♃ rises 8 42	2	4 39	7 21	9 40
Wednesday	6 Norbert	" 12:	1 0	♎ 7	Antares south 11 18	2	4 38	7 22	10 21
Thursday	7 Paul Gerhart	1 Pet. 2: 11-3; 1-17	1 26	♎ 21	☿ stationary	2	4 38	7 22	11 0
Friday	8 A. H. Francke	" 3: 18-4: 16	2 6	♏ 5	Spica south 8 16	1	4 37	7 23	11 40
Saturday	9 Columba	" 4: 17-5:	2 29	♏ 20	♂ ☽ ☿. Altair s. 12 34	1	4 37	7 23	12 32

23] *2d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–24. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.*

Sunday	10 Fred Barbarossa	James 1:	3 1	♐ 5	□ ♄ ☉. ♄ rises 12 22	1	4 37	7 23	12 59
Monday	11 Barnabas	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	☽ sets.	♐ 20	11th. ♄ rises 11 24	1	4 36	7 24	1 36
Tuesday	12 Renata	James 2:	9 11	♑ 5	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sts. 8 10 Eve Star	1	4 36	7 24	2 22
Wednesday	13 Isaac Le Febre	" 3:	9 52	♑ 20	☽ in per. Pollux sts. 10 4	Sun	4 36	7 24	3 12
Thursday	14 Basil	" 4:	10 41	♒ 5	Antares south 10 49	fast	4 35	7 25	4 8
Friday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 5:	11 10	♒ 20	♄ rises 8 6		0 4 35	7 25	5 4
Saturday	16 Richard Baxter	Jude	11 36	♓ 4	♈. Libræ south 9 2		1 4 35	7 25	6 2

24] *3d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Pet. 5: 6–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	17 John Tauler	Acts 13: 1-12	11 58	♓ 17	♄ rises 12 0	1	4 35	7 25	7 0
Monday	18 Pamphilus	" 13: 13-52	morn.	♈ 0	18th. ♀ sets 8 20	1	4 35	7 25	7 41
Tuesday	19 Council at Nice	" 14:	12 21	♈ 13	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. South. ♂ ♃ ☉	1	4 35	7 25	8 32
Wednesday	20 27 Martyrs	" 15:	12 42	♈ 25	☿ rises 3 41	1	4 35	7 25	9 30
Thursday	21 Matth. Claudius	" 16:	1 30	♉ 8	☉ enters ♋ Longest Day	1	4 34	7 26	10 28
Friday	22 Gottschalk	" 17: 1-14	1 59	♉ 20	Summer commences	2	4 35	7 25	11 27
Saturday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 17: 15-18: 11	2 37	♊ 2	♄ rises 11 0	2	4 35	7 25	12 10

25] *4th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	24 John Baptist	1 Thess. 1:	3 21	♊ 14	♀ sets 8 24	2	4 35	7 25	12 50
Monday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 2: 1-16:	☽ rises.	♊ 26	25th. ♂ ☽ ♃. ☋	2	4 35	7 25	1 20
Tuesday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	" 2: 17-3:	8 46	♋ 7	♃ south 11 39	2	4 35	7 25	2 45
Wednesday	27 Seven Sleepers	" 4:	9 22	♋ 19	♀ in Perihelion	3	4 35	7 25	3 48
Thursday	28 Irenæus	" 5:	9 51	♌ 1	♄ rises 11 30 [10	3	4 35	7 25	4 34
Friday	29 Peter and Paul	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	10 18	♌ 13	☽ in apo. Spica sets 12	3	4 36	7 24	5 10
Saturday	30 Raymond Lully	" 2: 13-3	10 43	♌ 25	Regulus sets 10 8	3	4 36	7 24	5 54

(♃) Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun, the 19th, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 4th, 12 o'clock, 11 min. morning.
New Moon, 11th, 9 " 32 " "
First Quart., 18th, 1 " 24 " "
Full Moon, 25th, 11 " 52 " forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, showers; 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, 12, thunder showers; 13, 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, 18, warm; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, thunder showers; 24, 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, thunder showers; 30, fr.

A LAPLAND CRADLE.

Lapland lies east of Norway and Sweden and north of Russia. By reading and travel you can see how greatly people differ in their ways of living. The Lapland mother wraps and binds up her babe as you see in the picture, passes one band over a beam, and swings the little fellow to and fro like a sailor in his hammock, while she sings her songs of mother-love.

HOW TO MAKE GOOD TEETH.

The foundation for sound, firm, white teeth, must be laid in early life, by subsisting on food that contains the elements which the teeth must have, or they will be imperfectly formed, feeble in structure, and fall early into decay. If wheat-flour were never bolted, but eaten with the bran, as we find it partially in the Graham bread, then the system would be abundantly provided with the phosphate of lime, the essential ingredient for the formation of the teeth.

OUR HOME MISSION WORK.

The Missionary work of the eastern part of the Reformed Church is under the care of a tri-Synodical Board, elected by the Eastern, the Pittsburgh, and the Potomac Synods.

The Board has had to contend with many serious hindrances. An old debt of several thousand dollars; a financial panic of unusual severity and duration; and, worse than all, a lack of real missionary zeal in the churches.

But order is coming, and a better day. Some of the old missions have become self-sustaining; others have been either cast off as unprofitable, or connected with other charges; and the appropriations of nearly all have been gradually reduced, so that the finances of the Board are in a healthy condition.

At the same time, it is a painful fact, that these finances are very small, which subject is discussed at length in an article on another page, "What is the Matter?"

We have very encouraging missions in Oregon, Iowa, and California; but they need better support of both men and money. The Board has, in all, about forty missions. This work loudly calls on our people for large giving. When a great work is to be done, a great effort must be made. Men and brethren, let us appreciate the situation, and give as if we meant to do the work.

MINISTERS' CHILDREN.

Rev. Asa Bullard believes that ministers' and deacons' children are slandered, and furnishes the following statistics, carefully collected by himself and his friends, as the reason for the faith that is in him:

In 448 families of ministers and deacons, there were 2,101 children over fifteen years of age, of whom 1,414 were hopefully pious, 93 were in the ministry or fitting for it, and only 34 dissipated! And all the remaining children, with very few exceptions, were respectable and useful citizens. Can results like these be obtained from the same number of families (taken impartially as these were) of any class or profession of parents, especially of those who are not professing Christians? How false and unjust then the proverb, that "ministers' and deacons' children are worse than other children.'

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
26] *5th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Pet. 3: 8–15.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 48 *min.*				
Sunday	1 H. Voes	Gala. 1: 1-10	11 6	8	♂ ☽ ♄ . ♄ rises 10 40 ☊ ♒	3 4	3 6	7 24	6 34
Monday	2 Visit V. M.	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	11 28	20	♂ ☽ ♄ . ♄ stationary	4 4	3 7	7 23	7 19
Tuesday	3 Otto, Bishop	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	11 58	3	3d. ☉ in Apogee	4 4	3 7	7 23	7 59
Wednesday	4 *Independence*	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	morn.	16	♀ sets 8 25	4 4	3 7	7 23	8 40
Thursday	5 Lord Cobham	" 3: 15	12 15	0	♃ south 11 16	4 4	3 8	7 22	9 22
Friday	6 John Huss	" 4:	12 55	14	♄ rises 10 52	4 4	3 8	7 22	10 6
Saturday	7 Willabald	" 5: 6:	1 38	29	Wega south 11 22	4 4	3 9	7 21	10 48
27] *6th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matth. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 42 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Kilian	1 Cor. 1:	2 15	14	Regulus sets 9 34	5 4	3 9	7 21	11 36
Monday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 2:	3 4	29	♂ ☽ ☿ . ♃ so. 10 56 ♋	5 4	3 9	7 21	12 30
Tuesday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 3: 4: 1-4	☽ sets.	14	10th. ♄ rises 10 25	5 4	4 0	7 20	1 26
Wednesday	11 Placedus	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	8 26	29	☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ♀ Dog Days begin.	5 4	4 0	7 20	2 12
Thursday	12 Henry II.	" 5: 9-6:	9 2	14	♀ sets 8 23	5 4	4 1	7 19	2 49
Friday	13 Eugenius	" 7:	9 32	28	☿ in Perihelion	5 4	4 1	7 19	3 34
Saturday	14 Bonaventura	" 8: 9:	9 54	12	♍ . ♄ rises 10 21	5 4	4 2	7 18	4 21
28] *7th Sunday after Trinity,*		Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 19–23.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 34 *min.*				
Sunday	15 Answer	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	10 15	26	Altair south 12 5	6 4	4 3	7 17	5 10
Monday	16 Anna Askow	" 11: 2	10 38	9	Antares south 8 6	6 4	4 3	7 17	5 52
Tuesday	17 Separatus&11co.	" 12: 1-30	11 2	22	17th. ♃ so. 10 20	6 4	4 4	7 16	6 42
Wednesday	18 Arnulf	" 12: 31-13	11 28	4	♀ sets 8 21	6 4	4 5	7 15	7 34
Thursday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 14:	11 56	17	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	6 4	4 6	7 14	8 26
Friday	20 John Marteilhe	" 15: 1-34	morn.	29	♂ ☿ ☉ superior.	6 4	4 6	7 14	9 14
Saturday	21 Eberhard	" 15: 35-16	12 33	11	♄ rises 10 9	6 4	4 7	7 13	9 56
29] *8th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matth. 7: 15–21; Rom. 8: 12–17.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 24 *min.*				
Sunday	22 Mary Magdalen	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	1 15	23	♂ ☽ ♃ . ☉ enters ♌	6 4	4 8	7 12	10 42
Monday	23 Godfr.v.Hamelle	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	2 14	5	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ♋	6 4	4 9	7 11	11 34
Tuesday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 1: 23-2	3 10	16	♃ south 9 48	6 4	5 0	7 10	12 29
Wednesday	25 St. James	" 3: 4: 1-6	☽ rises.	28	25th. ♀ sets 8 16	6 4	5 1	7 9	1 24
Thursday	26 Christopher	" 4: 7-5: 10	8 21	10	♄ rises 9 35	6 4	5 2	7 8	2 11
Friday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	8 45	22	☽ in apo. ♂ ♄ ♆	6 4	5 2	7 8	3 8
Saturday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 7: 2	9 8	5	☊ . ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	6 4	5 3	7 7	3 52
30] *9th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 12 *min.*				
Sunday	29 Olaus	2 Cor. 8:	9 32	17	☽ ♂ ♄ ♄ . ♄ rises 9 49	6 4	5 4	7 6	4 45
Monday	30 John Wessel	" 9:	9 54	0	□ Neptune ☉	6 4	5 5	7 5	5 31
Tuesday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 10:	10 18	13	♃ south 9 12	6 4	5 6	7 4	6 20

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 3d, 4 o'clock, 1 min. afternoon.
New Moon, 10th, 5 " 6 " "
First Quart., 17th, 8 " 12 " morning.
Full Moon, 25th, 2 " 19 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, showers; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, thunder; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, 16, warmest days; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, 23, warm; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, rain; 28, 29, fair; 30, 31, showers.

THE AMERICAN FLAG.

The "STARS AND STRIPES" have a history. The Colonies in 1775 had no common flag, but each carried whatever design it pleased. Some had the old English flag, with a patriotic motto or significant design; others had an original style; but in 1776 the present flag was adopted, and in July, 1777, it was established by law, the Colonial Congress having resolved that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternately red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, in a blue field, representing a new constellation. Hence, this year is the Centennial of our noble flag. In 1794, Vermont and Kentucky having been admitted into the Union, the number of stars and stripes was increased to fifteen; and this was the flag used in the war of 1812. The stripes were reduced to the original thirteen in 1818. There is no arrangement of the stars prescribed by law. In the flags of the army they are generally arranged in one large star—in those of the navy they are set in parallel lines.

THE SERMON.

1.) To get the good of a sermon, you must not only hear it carefully, but also think it over afterward. "Chew it." Talk about it with others, and so try to recall the important points. In this way, some people can tell much more about the sermon on Saturday than on Monday, because they have been studying it.

2.) Do not forget to tell your pastor what you think of this or that good sermon. He needs encouragement. He often wonders whether you were interested, and will be pleased to hear you occasionally say so.

3.) A sermon that is long for one is often short for another. Much depends on whether we are well, interested, wide awake, &c. True, the preacher may be dull; but so may the hearer be.

4.) What is a good sermon? It may be long, short, learned, simple, poetical, philosophical or eloquent, and yet not be a good sermon. To be good, it must teach and apply Christian truth. Without this it must be poor, no matter what else it has.

5.) Must the sermon always have a formal text? Oh no. Can you find a text at the beginning of Paul's sermons? Or Peter's? They simply set forth the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, suiting themselves to persons, places, and circumstances. If your Minister should do the same, but omit taking a text, would you think it strange? If he wishes to explain a particular passage, let him say so, and do so; but if he wishes to preach on a certain *subject*, in which perhaps he uses a dozen passages, explaining and applying them, what need has he of a text? Did you ever notice how much is in the sermon that is not in the text? And how often the text is left quite behind and forgotten? To omit taking a text would give great offence to many good people; but if they saw that the sermon was nevertheless full of Christian doctrine and duty, as Peter's and Paul's are, they would soon see that taking a text is not essentially necessary to a good sermon.

☞ When special services are to be held in your church, make your arrangements in advance to be there at every service. Much depends on good management.

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Maccabees	2 Cor. 11:	10 40	♌ 26	♀ sets 8 12 ☋	6 4	5 7	7 3	7 4
Thursday	2 Mart. under Nero	" 12: 1-18	11 12	♌ 10	2d. ♄ rises 8 39	6 4	5 8	7 2	7 49
Friday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 12: 19-13	11 54	♌ 24	♄ rises 8 56	6 4	5 9	7 1	8 35
Saturday	4 Leonard Käser	Acts 20: 1-13	morn.	♍ 8	Sirius rises 4 38	6 5	0 7	0	9 23

31] 10*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 19: 41–47; 1 Cor. 12: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 58 *min.*

Sunday	5 Salzb'g Evang.	Rom. 1: 1-17	12 50	♍ 23	7* rises 11 10 ♎	6 5	1 6	5 9	10 10
Monday	6 Transfiguration	" 1: 18-31	1 41	♎ 8	♃ south 8 49	6 5	2 6	5 8	11 20
Tuesday	7 Nonna	" 2:	2 35	♎ 23	♄ stationary	5 5	3 6	5 7	12 31
Wednesday	8 Hormisdas	" 3:	3 29	♏ 8	♄ rises 8 18	5 5	4 6	5 6	1 8
Thursday	9 Numidicus	" 4:	☽ sets.	♏ 22	9th. ☽ in Per. [♉	5 5	5 6	5 5	1 42
Friday	10 Laurentius	" 5: 1-11	7 48	♐ 6	Neptune sta. ☽ ☌ ☿ ♀	5 5	6 6	5 4	2 30
Saturday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 5: 12-21	8 14	♐ 21	♀ sets 7 56	5 5	7 6	5 3	3 12

32] 11*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11 *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 42 *min.*

Sunday	12 An. of Havelberg	Rom. 6:	8 38	♑ 4	♃ south 8 27	5 5	9 6	5 1	3 50
Monday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 7:	9 6	♑ 17	♄ rises 8 7	5 5	10 6	5 0	4 36
Tuesday	14 James Guthrie	" 8: 1-15	9 34	♒ 0	Rigel rises 2 0	4 5	11 6	4 9	5 24
Wednesday	15 Virgin Mary	" 8: 16-39	10 0	♒ 13	15th. ☿ in ♍	4 5	12 6	4 8	6 11
Thursday	16 John of Saxony	" 9: 1-13	10 34	♒ 25	Orion rises 1 40	4 5	13 6	4 7	7 5
Friday	17 John Gerhard	" 9: 14-33	11 31	♓ 7	☌ ☍ ☉ ♄ rises 8 1	4 5	14 6	4 6	7 50
Saturday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 10:	morn.	♓ 19	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 7 59	4 5	15 6	4 5	8 42

33] 12*th Sunday after Trinity,* Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	19 Sebaldus	Rom. 11:	12 33	♈ 1	♀ sets 7 50 ☋	3 5	17 6	4 3	9 31
Monday	20 Bernard of Clair.	" 12:	1 41	♈ 13	♃ stationary	3 5	18 6	4 2	10 29
Tuesday	21 1st Morv. Mission	" 13:	2 59	♈ 25	Sirius rises 3 35	3 5	19 6	4 1	11 27
Wednesday	22 Symphorianus	" 14:	4 1	♉ 7	♄ rises 7 31	3 5	20 6	4 0	12 25
Thursday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	" 15: 1-13	☽ rises.	♉ 19	23d. Eclipse. ☉ enters ♍	2 5	21 6	3 9	1 22
Friday	24 Bartholomew	" 15: 14-33	7 11	♊ 1	♄ rises 7 51	2 5	23 6	3 7	2 10
Saturday	25 Louis IX.	" 16:	7 34	♊ 15	☽ ☌ ♄ ♄ Dog Days end	2 5	24 6	3 6	2 52

34] 13*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 16–22. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	26 Ulfilas	Acts 20:	8 4	♊ 27	☿ in Aphelion ☌ ♄ ♄	2 5	25 6	3 5	3 30
Monday	27 Jovinian	" 21:	8 34	♋ 10	♀ sets 7 48	1 5	26 6	3 4	4 18
Tuesday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 22: 23:	8 56	♋ 23	♃ south 7 20	1 5	27 6	3 3	4 54
Wednesday	29 St. John Bapt.	" 24: 25:	9 30	♌ 7	♄ rises 7 2	1 5	28 6	3 2	5 26
Thursday	30 Claud of Turin	" 26:	10 2	♌ 21	☿ sets 7 24	0 5	30 6	3 0	6 10
Friday	31 Aidan	" 27:	10 46	♍ 5	31st. ☿ gr. Elon. E.	0 5	31 6	2 9	6 49

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 2d, 5 o'clock, 20 min., morning.
New Moon, 9th, 12 " 17 " "
First Quarter, 15th, 5 " 27 " afternoon.
Full Moon, 23d, 6 " 10 " evening.
Last Quarter, 21st, 4 " 15 " afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, warm and showers; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, pleasant; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, clear and warm.

ROGATIAN'S TRIAL.

This aged man is Rogatian, an Elder in the church at Carthage in Africa. During a sore persecution of the Christians he was beheaded. Here he is on trial before the heathen Governor. The story is told in the interesting volume, "ROGATIAN."

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER.

1.) He must be a *Christian*—not an alien and stranger, but a citizen—a communicant member of the Church. "Shall the unconverted be allowed to teach?" is sometimes gravely discussed in Sunday-school conventions, as though there were room for argument!

2.) He must be a *faithful* Christian; teaching by example as well as by word. Otherwise he does fearful damage to the children. Christ-love makes child-love.

3.) He must be *studious;* standing above his class both in general knowledge and in special preparation. Three things:—

(1.) He must study the best method of teaching, so as to present truth in the most telling way.

(2.) He must prepare every lesson, i.e., the details of it, getting into the very heart of the subject, and go to his class full of it. Lord Selbourne, late Chancellor of England and a ripe scholar, always carefully prepared his lesson for teaching a class of young men. What a rebuke to those who depend on the inspiration of the hour, and their general knowledge! Even the "infant class" teacher should have his questions, texts, facts, and illustrations well at command.

(3.) He must study also the class, and each scholar in it; their disposition, age, home-life, temptations, weaknesses, wants and whole make-up. The scholar has reason, will, and affections, which must be understood and wisely handled. He craves knowledge, and mere talk does not satisfy his nature.

4.) He must have *good sense*. Then he will suit himself to circumstances; avoid hobbies; not argue, but teach; not cram, but drill; conduct himself wisely before the class; not lecture, but catechize; not merely tell stories, nor exhort, but impress Christian truth (Neh. viii. 8); be regular, prompt, and self-denying for the sake of souls; be kind and impartial; not superficial, but thorough; not scold, but mould; not be long-faced and severe, but of cheerful face.

5.) He must be *patient;* making all proper allowance for many unpleasant things: dullness, laziness, inattention, tardiness, irregularity, and innocent mischief; quietly bearing what cannot be cured, bearing them for the love of Christ and for the good of souls. Especially must he patiently wait for his work to show its fruits. Much fruit will come only in ten, fifteen years.

6.) He makes good use of his right hand. He is social, and greets the scholars with a kind word at coming, and sends them home with a kind word. That right hand is a hand of power, and makes itself felt also in the home of the scholar.

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	High Water. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Hanna	Acts 28:	11 31	19	♀ sets 7 42 ☋	0 5	32	6 28	7 33
35] 14*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 54 *min.*				
Sunday	2 Mamas	Eph. 1: 1-14	morn.	3	♃ sets 10 59 ♈	0 5	33	6 27	8 35
Monday	3 Hildegarde	" 1: 15; 2: 1-1	12 30	18	7* rises 9 36	1 5	35	6 25	9 39
Tuesday	4 Ida	" 2: 11-3	1 46	3	Sirius rises 2 44 [28	1 5	36	6 24	10 37
Wednesday	5 John Mollio	" 4: 1-17	2 59	17	♂ ♄ ☉. Orion rises 12	1 5	37	6 23	11 35
Thursday	6 Martin Weibel	" 4: 18	4 16	1	☽ in per. Antares sets 9 44	2 5	39	6 21	12 34
Friday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 5: 6: 1-9	☽ sets.	15	17th. ☿. Altair south 8 38	2 5	40	6 20	1 33
Saturday	8 Corbinian	" 6: 10	6 59	29	♃ sets 10 34	2 5	41	6 19	2 24
36] 15*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matth. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25–6: 10.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 34 *min.*				
Sunday	9 Lorigi Paschall	Colos. 1:	7 24	12	☽ ☌ ☿ ♀. ♂ ♄ ☉	3 5	43	6 17	3 11
Monday	10 Paul Separatus	" 2: 3: 1-4	7 50	25	♀ sets 7 30	3 5	44	6 16	3 51
Tuesday	11 John Brenz	" 3: 5-4	8 12	8	♄ south 11 55	3 5	45	6 15	4 40
Wednesday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	Philemon	8 42	21	Andromeda so. 12 38	4 5	47	6 13	5 29
Thursday	13 Wm. Farel	Philip. 1: 1-26	9 17	3	♀ in ♍. ☿ stationary	4 5	48	6 12	6 14
Friday	14 Cyprian	" 1: 27-2:	9 59	15	14th. ☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 10 12	5 5	49	6 11	6 55
Saturday	15 Ar. v. Grumb'h	" 3: 4:	11 10	28	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ☋	5 5	50	6 10	7 34
37] 16*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 16 *min.*				
Sunday	16 Euphemia	1 Tim. 1:	morn.	9	Antares sets 9 8	5 5	52	6 8	8 22
Monday	17 Lambert	" 2:	12 4	21	□ ♃ ☉. 7* rises 8 32	6 5	53	6 7	9 12
Tuesday	18 A.G. Spangenb'g	" 3:	1 8	3	♄ south 11 26	6 5	55	6 5	9 54
Wednesday	19 *Ember Day*	" 3: 14-4: 10	2 12	15	☽ in apo. ♀ sets 7 25	6 5	56	6 4	10 49
Thursday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 4: 11-5: 16	3 18	27	♁ south 11 31	7 5	57	6 3	11 36
Friday	21 Matthew	" 5: 17	4 21	10	☽ ☌ ♁ ♄ ♌	7 5	59	6 1	12 30
Saturday	22 Mauritius	" 6:	☽ rises.	23	22d. ☉ enters ♎ Day and Night equal	7 6	0	6 0	1 27
38] 17*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1-6.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 58 *min.*				
Sunday	23 Mart. of Gen'a	Titus 1:	6 26	6	Autumn commences	8 6	1	5 59	2 20
Monday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 2:	6 48	20	♃ sets 9 42	8 6	2	5 58	3 10
Tuesday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 3:	7 17	4	♄ south 10 56	8 6	3	5 57	3 52
Wednesday	26 Lioba	2 Tim. 1:	7 47	18	☌ ☿ ☉ Inferior	9 6	4	5 56	4 44
Thursday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 2:	8 34	2	♀ sets 7 21	9 6	6	5 54	5 32
Friday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 3:	9 30	16	Fomal south 10 30	9 6	7	5 53	6 18
Saturday	29 St. Michael	" 4:	10 36	0	Sirius rises 1 14 ♈	10 6	8	5 52	7 8
39] 18*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matth. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 40 *min.*				
Sunday	30 Jerome	Heb. 1:	11 41	14	☾ 30th. ♂ south 11 10	10 6	10	5 50	7 58

(♂) Mars is in opposition with the Sun, the 5th, and shines all night.
(♄) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun, the 9th, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	7th,	8 o'clock,	0 min.	morning.
First Quart.,	14th,	6 "	7 "	"
Full Moon,	22d,	10 "	34 "	forenoon.
Last Quart.,	30th,	1 "	20 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, showers; 5, 6, 7, sultry; 8, 9, thunder; 10, 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, showers; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, 24, stormy; 25, 26, 27 clear; 28, 29, 30, thunder showers.

It was in 1492 Columbus discovered America. What a wonder he and his men were to the native Indians! What a wilderness was before them; which during these four hundred years has blossomed as the rose!

The story of Columbus is very interesting, and shows what perseverance will do. He had great trouble to get aid for his voyages of discovery, and had to bear many a sarcasm and many a sneer but success was all the sweeter when it came. He was then highly honored by the Court of Spain. Read his life.

THE LANDING OF COLUMBUS.

A GOOD SPEECH.

Deacon Lookout says, that when they last year elected their Delegate Elder to Classis, the Minister made a little speech to the Consistory, which may well be repeated by many a Pastor:

"Now I wish to say that two things are expected of the Delegate Elder, both of which are too often overlooked.

"First. He should stay till Classis adjourns. So often the Elders make business engagements before leaving home, and then, on this ground, urge Classis to excuse them. This is no fair way to represent a charge, and it often leads to serious results.

"Then, again, as the President of Classis asks every Elder the questions in Article 49th of the Constitution, it is the plain duty of the Elder to have a ready answer, clear and fair; not a half or doubtful one. To refer Classis to the Pastor may be convenient, but is unfair. Often, too, the Elder speaks only for the congregation to which he belongs, and adds, 'I do not know how it is in the other congregations.' But it is his business to know just that very thing. He represents not a congregation, but a whole charge, and surely should be ready to give a full answer. Our delegate will please keep these two things in mind."

That was a good speech, and many a Delegate Elder may well make a note of it.

ODD CHURCH NAMES.

In England, Scotland, and Wales there are two or three hundred sects, some of which have names as odd, no doubt, as their notions. We give a few samples:

Apostolics, Baptized Believers, Unionists, Providence, Christian Dolphins,* Unsectarians, Eclectics, Sandemanians, Hallelujah Band, Wesleyan Reform Glory Band, Peculiar People, Progressionists, Christian Eliasites, Israelites and Teetotallers, Free Grace Gospel Christians, Glassites, Inghamites, Salem Society, Recreative Religionists.

* They hold that none out of their society can be saved and but few in it, and that there is no difference between their souls and those of animals.

☞ Some charges fail to pay the expenses of their delegate to Classis. Some pay the Elder's expense but not the Pastor's. Is that nice? Is it right?

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1	Remigius	Heb. 2:	morn.	♒ 28	♀ sets 7 20	♎ 10	6 11	5 49	8 50
Tuesday	2	Chr. Schmid	" 3: 4:	12 57	♓ 12	♄ south 11 1	11	6 12	5 48	9 46
Wednesday	3	The two Ewaldes	" 5:	2 10	♈ 26	♃ sets 9 29	11	6 14	5 46	10 38
Thursday	4	Franciscus	" 6:	3 31	♉ 10	☿ in ♎. ♂ [☽ ☿	11	6 15	5 45	11 32
Friday	5	Petro Carnesec	" 7:	4 44	♉ 24	☽ in per. ☿ sta. ♂	12	6 16	5 44	12 26
Saturday	6	Henry Albert	" 8:	☽ sets.	♊ 7	6th. ♄ south 10 8	12	6 17	5 43	1 21

40] 19*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 22 *min.*

Sunday	7	Theodore Beza	Heb. 9: 1-14	6 10	♋ 20	♄ stationary	12	6 19	5 41	1 59
Monday	8	Robt. of Lincoln	" 9: 15	6 35	♌ 3	♄ south 10 40	12	6 20	5 40	2 44
Tuesday	9	Dionysius Areo.	" 10: 1-18	7 10	♌ 16	☿ in Perihelion. ♂ ☽ ♀	13	6 21	5 39	3 26
Wednesday	10	Justus Jonas	" 10: 19-39	7 38	♌ 29	♀ sets 7 15	13	6 23	5 37	4 16
Thursday	11	Ulrich Zwingli	" 11:	8 18	♍ 11	♃ sets 9 10 [West	13	6 24	5 36	4 58
Friday	12	Henry Bullinger	" 12:	9 29	♍ 13	♂ ☽ ♃ ♀ gr. Elon.	13	6 25	5 35	5 44
Saturday	13	Elizabeth Fry	" 13:	10 40	♎ 5	13th. ☿ rises 5 33 ☋	14	6 27	5 33	6 31

41] 20*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 4 *min.*

Sunday	14	Nich. Ridley	Prov. 1: 2:	11 51	♐ 17	Arctur sets 8 6	14	6 28	5 32	7 20
Monday	15	Aurelia	" 3:	morn.	♐ 29	7* rises 6 50	14	6 29	5 31	8 5
Tuesday	16	Gallus	" 4:	12 53	♑ 11	☽ in apo. ♄ south 10 21	14	6 31	5 29	8 50
Wednesday	17	Rv. Edict of Nan.	" 5: 6; 1-19:	1 46	♑ 23	♀ in Aphelion	15	6 32	5 28	9 36
Thursday	18	St. Luke	" 6: 20-7	2 43	♒ 5	☽ ♂ ♄ ♄ so. 9 20 ♌	15	6 33	5 27	10 24
Friday	19	Bruno	" 8:	3 39	♒ 18	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	15	6 35	5 25	11 12
Saturday	20	F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 9:	4 26	♓ 1	♀ sets 7 16	15	6 36	5 24	11 54

42] 21*st Sunday after Trinity,* John 4: 46–54; Eph. 6: 10–20. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	21	Hilarion	Prov. 10: 11:	5 24	♓ 16	♃ sets 8 40	15	6 37	5 23	12 46
Monday	22	Hedwig	" 12: 13:	☽ rises.	♓ 29	22d. Aldebaran rises 7 45	15	6 38	5 22	1 37
Tuesday	23	Henry Martin	" 14: 15:	5 54	♈ 13	☉ enters ♏	16	6 39	5 21	2 24
Wednesday	24	Arethas	" 16: 17:	6 47	♈ 27	♃ in ♉. Andromeda south 10 6	16	6 41	5 19	3 12
Thursday	25	John Herz	" 18: 19:	7 30	♉ 12	♄ south 9 50	16	6 42	5 18	4 6
Friday	26	Frederick III.	" 20: 21: 22: 1-16	8 42	♉ 27	♄ south 8 48 ♎	16	6 43	5 17	4 54
Saturday	27	Frumentius	" 22: 17-23; 24	9 56	♊ 11	♀ sets 7 21	16	6 44	5 16	5 41

43] 22*d Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 18: 21–35; Phil. 1: 3–11. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 30 *min.*

Sunday	28	Simon and Jude	Prov. 25: 26:	11 12	♋ 25	♃ sets 8 12	16	6 45	5 15	6 32
Monday	29	Alfred the Great	" 27:	morn.	♌ 9	29th. ♂ Nept'ne ☉	16	6 46	5 14	7 21
Tuesday	30	Jacob Sturm	" 28: 29:	12 10	♌ 23	Orion rises 9 1	16	6 48	5 12	8 11
Wednesday	31	Fest. of Reform'n	" 30: 31:	1 18	♍ 7	♎. Marcab south 8 36	16	6 49	5 11	8 55

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	6th,	4 o'clock,	58 min.	evening.
First Quarter,	13th,	10 "	42 "	"
Full Moon,	22d,	2 "	30 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	29th,	9 "	21 "	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, cloudy; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, 31, fair.

NAILING THE THESES TO THE CHURCH DOOR.

LUTHER'S NINETY-FIVE THESES.

Have you ever read them? Do you know that the nailing of this paper upon the door of the Electoral Church in Wittenberg by Luther, October 31st, 1517, was like putting a match to kindling?

The system of indulgences was a money-making scheme. The Pope wanted to build the magnificent Cathedral of St. Peter's at Rome. For a sum of money, large or small, according to the sin, the Pope granted the pardon of a man's own sin, or released another from purgatory. Sections of country were farmed out to the highest bidder, and he then made out of it all he could. The priests were generally very corrupt, and the people very ignorant.

Tetzel, a bold, bad, blustering tool of the Pope was near Wittenberg, doing a large business in the sale of indulgences, *i. e.*, selling to people the forgiveness of their sins.

Luther, a professor in the University of Wittenberg, had long been preaching against this unholy traffic.

To teach the people still further and better, he wrote these theses, or statements of doctrine, and nailed them to the church door, where all might read them. In them he explained the nature of true repentance, and exposed the error of indulgences.

These theses created great excitement, and were soon read all over the land; yea, all over Christendom.

PULPIT ADVERTISING.

Ministers, as well as others, do some unbecoming things, and in nothing more plainly than in making their pulpit an advertising medium.

Some good men cannot easily say no, and, therefore, announce the time, place, and even admission fee of concerts, lectures, fairs, festivals, and other worldly entertainments.

This should not be done, even when the object is very good. Printers' ink is for that purpose.

You are a Minister of Christ; not an advertising agent. Your pulpit is a pulpit; not a fence or stable on which to post bills. The hour is for worship and teaching; not for spreading the news of the day.

Say "no" to the agent or committee asking you to make your pulpit an advertising medium. The effect of many a sermon has been spoiled because followed by some absurd and undevout announcement.

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. f's m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 All Saints	Prov. 6: 20-7:	2 23	20	☽ in per. ♀ sets 7 25	16	6 51	5 9	9 49
Friday	2 Victorinus	" 8:	3 29	3	Sirius rises 11 6	16	6 52	5 8	10 42
Saturday	3 Pirminus	" 9:	4 40	16	♂ ♄ ♄. ♄ south 9 20	16	6 53	5 7	11 39
44]	*4th Sunday before Advent,*	Matth. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14.			*Day's Length, 10 hours, 12 min.*				
Sunday	4 John A. Bengel	John 21: 1-23	5 48	29	♂ ☽ ☿ ♄ south 8 16	16	6 54	5 6	12 37
Monday	5 Hans Egede	1 John 1: 2:	☽ sets.	12	5th. Fomal so. 8	16	6 55	5 5	1 36
Tuesday	6 Gustav. Adolph's	" 3:	5 40	24	7* south 12 52	16	6 56	5 4	2 22
Wednesday	7 Willibrord	" 4:	6 35	7	♃ sets 7 39	16	6 57	5 3	3 12
Thursday	8 Willehad	" 5:	7 33	19	☽ ♂ ♀ ♃. ♀ sets 7 28	16	6 58	5 2	3 56
Friday	9 John v. Staupitz	2 John	8 42	1	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♂ ♀ ♃ ☋	16	6 59	5 1	4 44
Saturday	10 Martin Luther	3 John	9 43	13	♄ south 9 0	16	7 0	5 0	5 32
45]	*3d Sunday before Advent,*	Matth. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 58 min.*				
Sunday	11 Martin of Tours	Rev. 1:	10 46	25	Rigel rises 8 29 [52	16	7 1	4 59	6 16
Monday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 2:	11 48	6	12th. Wega sets 11	16	7 3	4 57	6 58
Tuesday	13 Arcadius	" 3:	morn.	18	☽ in apo. ♂ ☿ ☉ Sup	15	7 4	4 56	7 44
Wednesday	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 4; 5; 6:	12 44	0	☊. ♂ ☽ ♄ ♄ south 7 49	15	7 5	4 55	8 32
Thursday	15 John Kepler	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	1 51	13	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ south 8 31	15	7 6	4 54	9 14
Friday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 9: 13-10; 11:	2 48	23	♀ sets 7 36	15	7 7	4 53	9 55
Saturday	17 Bernward	" 12: 13:	3 49	9	♄ stationary	15	7 8	4 52	10 42
46]	*2d Sunday before Advent,*	Matth. 25: 31–46; 2 Thess. 1: 3–10.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min.*				
Sunday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	Rev. 14: 1-13	4 52	23	♃ sets 7 16	15	7	8 4	52 11 34
Monday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 14: 14-20	5 51	7	Spica rises 4 14 [54	14	7	9 4	51 12 26
Tuesday	20 John Williams	" 15:	☽ rises.	21	20th. Sirius rises 9	14	7	10 4	50 1 23
Wednesday	21 Columbanus	" 16: 1-8	5 29	6	□ ☌ ☉. ♄ so. 7 21	14	7	11 4	49 2 13
Thursday	22 John Occolampadius	" 16: 9-21	6 30	21	☿ in Aphelion. ☉ ent. ♁	14	7	12 4	48 3 6
Friday	23 Clemens Roman.	" 17:	7 30	6	Orion rises 7 23	13	7	13 4	47 3 54
Saturday	24 John Knox	" 18:	8 50	21	♀ sets 7 50	13	7	14 4	46 4 42
47]	*1st Sunday before Advent,*	Matth. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3-14.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 30 min.*				
Sunday	25 Catharine	Rev. 19: 1-10	9 54	6	♁ south 8 10	13	7	15 4	45 5 30
Monday	26 Conrad	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	11 7	20	Rigel rises 7 26	12	7	15 4	45 6 14
Tuesday	27 Marg't Blaarer	" 20: 4-15	morn.	4	27th. ☽ in per. ♒	12	7	16 4	44 7 7
Wednesday	28 Alex. Roussel	" 21: 1-8	12 15	17	♃ sets 6 50	12	7	17 4	43 7 57
Thursday	29 Saturninus	" 21: 9-22	1 24	0	♄ south 6 49	11	7	17 4	43 8 45
Friday	30 St. Andrew	Psalm 96	2 39	13	Markab south 6 32	11	7	18 4	42 9 34

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 5th, 3 o'clock, 47 min. morning.
First Quart., 12th, 6 " 44 " evening.
Full Moon, 20th, 5 " 19 "
Last Quart., 27th, 5 " 5 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, showers; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, 23, cloudy, rainy; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, cold; 29, 30, fair.

THE ANNUNCIATION.

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The Angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around."

And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

NOT MUCH TO DO.

Oh no, the Minister has not much to do; only get ready to preach two or three times a Sunday, catechise the young, visit all his members, attend funerals, give special attention to the sick and aged, write scores of letters, manage the business of several congregations, go to Classis and Synod, hold special services several times a year, write for the Church papers, assist neighboring Pastors once in a while, and attend to the wants of his own family! The balance of the time he can rest.

LATE AT CHURCH.

Never come late to service. Tardiness is the first step to truancy. Strangest of all, late comers generally live nearest the church. It is only a habit, and a very bad one. Always be at church in good time. As you would not think of going out before benediction, so you should never enter after the invocation.

A GOOD LAW.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at its last sessions, in 1874, passed the following canon:

"It shall be the duty of every minister of this Church, with such assistance as he may see fit to employ from persons skilled in music, to give order concerning the tunes to be sung at any time in his church, and especially it shall be his duty to suppress all light and unseemly music, and all indecency and irreverence in the performance by which vain and ungodly persons profane the service of the sanctuary."

The music in many of our churches is far from edifying; and the conduct of many choirs is far from devout.

A TWO-SIDED QUESTION.

Some charges are very touchy about having their call refused, and therefore ask the candidate, "will you accept if elected?" But he might well in turn ask, "Will you elect me, if I accept?"

A man has no right to say to a lady, "If I pop the question, will you say yes?" And in like manner, if a charge wants Rev. A., B., or C., let them call him.

CAN YOU MAKE IT OUT?

The following Vaudois inscription is cut on the stone of an old house in Grosse Pierre, in Quayras, High Alps:

Pecc viv gener crim morte
—ator ens— —avit —ine —m.
Salv mori reserv Sangu vita

The following translation has been made:

liv sinn transgres procur damn
A ing er's sion ed ation.
dy Redeem pas purchas salv

☞ Catechumens lose much by irregular or careless attendance.

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1877.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s.		Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h.	m.
Saturday	1 Eligius	Psalm 145:	3 46	♑	26	☿ sets 7 59	♓ 11	7 19	4 41	10	22
48] *1st Sunday in Advent,*		Matth. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 11–14.					*Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.*				
Sunday	2 John Ruysbrock	John 1: 1-14	4 58	♑	9	♄ south 7 42	10 7	19	4 41	11	21
Monday	3 Gerhard Groot	Gen. 2: 4-25	6 15	♑	21	7* south 11 2	10 7	20	4 40	12	20
Tuesday	4 Gerh. v. Zütphen	Matt. 19: 1-12	☽ sets.	♑	3	4th. ☌ stationery	9 7	20	4 40	1	19
Wednesday	5 Crispin	Eph. 5: 22-33	5 29	♑	15	□ ♄ ☉. ♂ ☽ ♆.	9 7	21	4 39	2	16
Thursday	6 Nicholas	1 Cor. 7:	6 30	♑	27	♂ ☽ ♃ ♆ sets 6 28 ♋	9 7	21	4 39	3	6
Friday	7 Paulus Odontius	Gen. 3:	7 24	♒	9	Regulus rises 10 32	8 7	22	4 38	3	49
Saturday	8 Mart. Rinkard	" 8: 15-9: 17	8 26	♒	21	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ sets 8 10	8 7	22	4 38	4	35
49] *2d Sunday in Advent,*		Luke 21: 25–33; Rom. 15: 4–13.					*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday	9 Benj. Schmolk	Acts 17: 15-34	9 27	♒	•3	Fomal sets 9 52	7 7	23	4 37	5	22
Monday	10 Paul Eber	Gen. 15:	10 30	♒	15	♄ sets 11 58 [♌	7 7	23	4 37	6	12
Tuesday	11 Hen. v. Zütphen	Deut. 5:	11 31	♒	27	☽ in apo. ☿ gr. Elon. E.	6 7	24	4 36	6	49
Wednesday	12 Vicelin	Exodus 12:	morn.	♓	9	12th. ♂ ☽ ♄ ☿ gr. Hel. lat. S.	6 7	24	4 36	7	34
Thursday	13 Odilia	Deut. 27:	12 34	♓	21	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ so. 7 10	5 7	24	4 36	8	20
Friday	14 Dioscorus	Romans 7:	1 36	♈	4	Altair sets 8 40	5 7	25	4 35	9	10
Saturday	15 Christiana	Leviticus 16:	2 29	♈	17	☿ sets 8 15	5 7	25	4 35	9	51
50] *3d Sunday in Advent,*		Matth. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5.					*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	16 Adelheid	Is. 40: John 5:	3 37	♈	0	♃ sets 6 0	4 7	25	4 35	10	40
Monday	17 Sturm	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	4 35	♈	14	Markab sets 12 8	4 7	25	4 35	11	28
Tuesday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	2 Samuel 7:	5 32	♈	29	Spica rises 2 29	3 7	25	4 35	12	10
Wednesday	19 *Ember Day*	Joel 3:	6 30	♉	14	♄ sets 11 22	3 7	25	4 35	12	50
Thursday	20 Abraham	Jeremiah 23:	☽ rises.	♉	29	20th. ☿ sets 8 19 ♓	2 7	25	4 35	1	34
Friday	21 Thomas	" 31:	5 55	♉	15	☉ ent. ♑. Shortest Day.	2 7	26	4 34	2	20
Saturday	22 Hugh McKail	Isa. 52: 13-53:	7 15	♊	0	Winter commences	1 7	25	4 35	3	8
51] *4th Sunday in Advent,*		John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7.					*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	23 Anna du Bourg	John 3: 23-36	8 34	♊	15	☽ in per. ♄ in ♌	1 7	25	4 35	3	48
Monday	24 Adam and Eve	Is. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1:	9 48	♊	29	♂. ☿ sets 5 29	sun 7	25	4 35	4	32
Tuesday	25 *Christmas*	Psalm 2: 1-10:	10 59	♋	13	☿ gr. Elon. East	sun 7	25	4 35	5	16
Wednesday	26 Stephen	Isaiah 1: 1-10	morn.	♋	27	Rigel south 10 46	1 7	25	4 35	6	6
Thursday	27 St. John Evang.	" 41:	12 5	♌	10	27th. ☿ sets 8 26	1 7	25	4 35	6	58
Friday	28 Innocents	" 49:	1 10	♌	23	♃ sets 5 28	2 7	25	4 35	7	44
Saturday	29 David	Romans 8:	2 15	♍	6	♄ sets 10 42	2 7	24	4 36	8	32
52] *Sunday after Christmas,*		Matth. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–7.					*Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*				
Sunday	30 Christ'n of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	3 22	♍	18	Orion south 11 12	3 7	24	4 36	9	21
Monday	31 John Wiclif	Psalm 90: 103:	4 24	♍	0	☉ in Perigee. ☿ in ♌	3 7	24	4 36	10	12

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	4th,	5 o'clock,	3 min.	evening.
First Quarter,	12th,	4 "	34 "	"
Full Moon,	20th,	6 "	51 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	27th,	1 "	19 "	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, 21, cloudy, snow; 22, 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, 27, moderate; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, cold.

"Oh, be glad, ye people! Praising
Jesus, our Redeemer's name,
Loud your joyous anthems raising;
For to ransom us He came,
Came so lowly,
Pure and holy
Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem."

THE OLD WAY IS BETTER.

When "revivals," as they are called, are going on in churches around us, the outside pressure upon our charges is sometimes hard to bear; but after the storm comes a calm, and some of our own people who perhaps at the time wavered are then convinced that the old way is wiser and better.

Our catechetical method may not be popular, indeed is not generally popular; but our people have faith in the old method, true and tried, which though slow in its working is sure in its results. The old is the true, and the true is not new. Our people are rooted and grounded in the Apostolic faith and polity, and our calm stability prevents us from being tossed about by every passing wind and wave of popular movement; and while this often subjects us to uncharitable criticism, it also saves us from many a danger.

ADVENT HYMN.

BY H. BONAR, D.D.

The church has waited long
  Her absent Lord to see;
And still in loneliness she waits,
  A friendless stranger she.
Age after age has gone,
  Sun after sun has set,
And still in weeds of widowhood,
  She weeps a mourner yet.
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come.

Saint after saint on earth
  Has lived and loved, and died;
And as they left us, one by one,
  We laid them side by side.
We laid them down to sleep,
  But not in hope forlorn;
We laid them but to ripen there,
  Till the last glorious morn.
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come.

The serpent's brood increase,
  The powers of hell grow bold;
The conflict thickens, faith is low,
  And love is waxing cold.
How long, O Lord our God,
  Holy and true and good,
Wilt thou not judge Thy suffering Church,
  Her sighs and tears and blood.
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come!

We long to hear Thy voice,
  To see Thee face to face,
To share Thy crown and glory then,
  As now we share Thy grace.
Should not the loving Bride
  Her absent Bridegroom mourn,
Should she not wear the signs of grief,
  Until her Sun return?
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come!

The whole creation groans,
  And waits to hear that voice
That will restore her comeliness,
  And make her wastes rejoice.
Come, Lord, and wipe away
  The curse, the sin, the stain,
And make this blighted world of ours,
  Thine own fair world again.
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come!

ANOTHER CHAPTER OF HINTS.

1.) Many people like that sermon best which hits somebody else.

2.) Make good use of your Sundays. You have only fifty-two in a year, and they are short at best.

3.) Many Reformed families have not a Heidelberg Catechism in the house. Both a pity and a shame. You need that little book.

4.) In heaven the saints kneel and stand around the throne, but never *sit*. Make a note of this, ye who sit during public prayer.

5.) "Where does your father live?" asked a man of the Minister's son. "On the sunny side of starvation, sir," said the lad.

6.) Every member should have his own hymn book (and church paper too), and not depend on his neighbors.

7.) Every baptized child should be often told the fact and the meaning of his baptism, that he may gradually come, in his own inner life, to a personal consciousness of his blessed, gracious, covenant relation to God as his Father.

8.) Worthy of imitation: An old Scotch lady was offended at her Pastor, but came regularly to church. He wondered at this; but she answered, "My quarrel's with you, not with the Gospel."

9.) Many a time your Minister preaches a special sermon, giving you in short, clear form much instruction which you could not easily get even by much reading; but you think it is not interesting, pay little attention, and so lose what might be had for the mere hearing. Some day you will be sorry for this.

10.) The Reformed Church has always had its "Inquiry Meetings," namely, the Catechetical Class—a far better meeting than that commonly called by this name, because divinely appointed, wisely conducted, and as old as the Church.

11.) Although voting is one of the great privileges of full membership, many members take little or no interest in the yearly congregational election of officers, just as if it were a small matter; but you could not keep them away from the County or State election!

12.) Some persons take no part in the work of the congregation, but are always ready with a cruel word for those who do. They cannot help, but they can hinder.

13.) Never use your church for concerts, fairs, secular lectures, &c. It is dedicated to Jehovah, and such use is inconsistent therewith.

14.) Sometimes people take the Church paper one year to please (rather to get rid of) the Pastor, and then quietly discontinue it. This is neither nice nor wise.

15.) The Reformed Church in the various countries of Europe and America number about 11,000,000 of members. Are we as small a Church as many think? Where is another like it?

16.) When your Pastor visits you, do not greet him with a scolding for not having come a month sooner.

17.) One way to save money—but a very bad one—is, when moving to a new home, to leave your membership behind, and then suppose you need not support any congregation. Some people do this.

18.) Preaching is like liniment—it needs to be well rubbed in. The Gospel needs to be personally enforced and applied by pastoral visitation.

19.) "Our ingress into life is naked and bare,
Our progress through life is trouble and care,
Our egress out of it we know not where;
But doing well here, we shall do well there;
I could not tell more by preaching a year."

20.) "Pray for us," Paul beseechingly says. Fail not to pray for your Minister, privately and publicly, that he may have strength, wisdom, faith, patience, and above all the guidance and blessing of God in all his work.

21.) A good text for both congregational and political nominations: "Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over them to be rulers" (Ex. xviii. 21).

22.) From a wedding the Pastor goes to the sick room, or from a funeral to a marriage; from the house of poverty and distress to the house of joy and gladness; from innocent mirth to the most solemn services; and he is expected to be in full sympathy with each and all—to laugh with the gay and weep with the sad. You need not wonder, if he sometimes comes short of it.

23.) Consider these hints.

WHAT IS THE MATTER?

Our Home Missionary Board is struggling to carry on a great work with small means. Every year strong appeals to the Church are made for aid, and yet but little money comes in. What is the matter?

Our Home Mission work is carried forward under the care and promised support of three District Synods (Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomac), having a membership of nearly 90,000. The whole amount paid is at the rate of about ten cents per member! Just think of it! Several times the Board has had to borrow money to pay the Missionaries. How humiliating, to carry on the Lord's work with the world's money!

What is the matter? Why this drag? Not because we are doing a great work in some other direction, in which case we might be excused here. Our Board of Beneficiary Education is almost as badly off. We are giving nothing to Foreign Missions. Our Colleges are in debt, and our Seminaries are far from comfortable.

Nor will the long-continued business panic account for our embarrassment. The panic is new, but our embarrassment is an old fact. Indeed it is a chronic ailment, as any one may see from old missionary reports.

Nor is it because our people are poor. There is much wealth in the Reformed Church, and widely distributed among its membership.

Nor is it because our people generally are unwilling to give. They love the Church, and want to support the Lord's work.

What then is the matter? Why this painful, shameful drag?

Answer: *The bad and thoughtless habit of small giving*, especially at communions.

Are our communion alms creditable? Do not thousands throw into the basket a trifle without thinking what they have done? Many give only the bits, ends, fragments, yea the refuse of their purse.

All this is simply a habit. They do not mean to be stingy or irreverent. They would do very differently on a subscription paper. There they give even largely.

Small giving into the alms basket is only a thoughtless habit. They think nothing on Monday of giving twice or five times as much for a luxury. Mr. A. one year gave two dollars for Missions, and paid seven dollars for a pet dog! Many a man pays five or ten times as much for tobacco as for Missions. Mr. B. pays five dollars a year for this cause, and forty dollars for music! What men *want*, that they readily get. When men are really interested in anything, they cheerfully give large sums to it (political parties, social societies, business interests, celebrations and the like). So, just to the extent that our people realize and appreciate the greatness of the Missionary work, and thus become truly interested in saving men, and preparing the world for the Second Coming of Christ, will they pour their alms into the treasury of the Church for this purpose.

This thoughtless habit of small giving to a great cause is the great hindrance, indeed, to our whole Church work. How few give till they feel it! And how then can we call such giving a "sacrifice," or expect it to be pleasing to God?

We have a great work to do; let us be earnestly at it. The remedy for our troubles is simply large gifts. How beautiful is the example of the Hebrews, in Ex. xxxv. 20–29 and xxxvi. 5–7! We are building a more glorious and abiding tabernacle than that; let our people bring large gifts.

MISSIONS IN JAPAN.

The following Churches and Societies have Missionaries in Japan:—

1.) The Reformed Church in America, 7.
2.) The American Presbyterian Church, 7.
3.) Baptists in the United States, 2.
4.) The American Board, C. F. M., 7.
5.) Church Missionary Society of England, 2.
6.) American Episcopal Church, 6.
7.) Women's Missionary Society of America, 7.
8.) Methodist Episcopal Church of America, 5.
9.) Wesleyan Methodists of Canada, 2.
10.) Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 2.
11.) The Greek Church has several.
12.) The Jesuits have 15.
13.) Our own Church, as yet, is only talking about the matter. Our Board of Foreign Missions has selected Japan as the most proper field for us, and is waiting for a missionary.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL WAY.

Last year the question arose, in one of our country charges, "What is the constitutional way to secure the removal of a pastor?"

If a pastor, from whatever cause, is unacceptable to his people, and they desire a dissolution of the pastoral relation, they have full liberty to ask for this dissolution; but they must do it through their joint Consistory.

In other words, the elders and deacons of a charge are supposed to know the wishes of their people in regard to the pastor, and at a regular or special meeting of the joint Consistory, may ask him to resign.

But, mark well, even before any such public action is taken, it is their bounden duty at an early date to give him private notice of the condition and wishes of the charge, that he may be forewarned.

If he then is unable or unwilling to remedy the matter, and especially if he refuses to heed the advice of his officers in regard to resigning, then will they be fully justified in presenting the case to the joint Consistory for consideration.

If he still continues unwilling to resign, and the joint Consistory feels that a dissolution of the pastoral relation is necessary, then this body may justly call upon the Classis to protect them in their rights.

Nothing of the kind, however, should be done without his knowledge. The ordinary and proper way is for a pastor of his own free will to resign; and seldom will he refuse to do so when rightly informed of any serious or general dissatisfaction. Elders and deacons are to be to him as hands and eyes. Therefore, if they know of any serious danger or wide-spread dissatisfaction, they are in duty bound, first of all, to remove the danger and heal the dissatisfaction; and in case they fail in this, they are equally bound then to notify their pastor. Too often he is kept in the dark in regard to the real condition and wishes of his people, by those who are under solemn ordination and installation vows to deal faithfully with him. To whom shall they be kind, if not to the Lord's anointed? But to withhold from him facts which he, for the good of the charge and for his own good, needs to know, is a great wrong; and then to rise up against him and suddenly urge his removal, is a still greater wrong.

Both the minister and the people must respect the laws and customs of the Reformed Church, as they are found in our old and familiar Constitution.

The people choose the man whom they desire for a pastor; and, if he accepts their call, the Classis places him over them by installation, not for a year, much less by the year, but for an indefinite period; that is, until one or the other, or both, may desire a dissolution of the pastoral relation; in which case the Classis, if this seem best, also severs the pastoral relation.

From this you will see how fully our excellent Church law protects both the minister and the people. While they cannot drive him off, he also cannot run off. While he cannot hang on to them, they also cannot force his stay. A power over both settles the question. As he becomes their pastor only by the action of the Classis, so only by its action can this relation be dissolved.

In other words, our Church government is not congregational, but presbyterial; not by congregations, but by consistories and similar bodies above them. A congregation elects its officers, and then these, by their installation, are its rulers. Over this Consistory is the Classis; over the Classis is the Synod; and over all is the General Synod.

For this reason, when a pastor is called, not the congregation but the Consistory calls him. The congregations elect him, but the officers speak for them.

So in regard to his removal. He presents his resignation, not to the congregations, but to the joint Consistory, and this body, in the name of the charge, answers him.

All these things should be done decently and in order; yea, kindly also, as well as lawfully.

☞ Keep in mind the words of Paul: "Ye have your fruit unto holiness;" and of the Catechism: "For it is impossible that those who are implanted into Christ by a true faith, should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness."

☞ Trouble in the congregation often arises from bad management of its business.

☞ The best way to rest the body on the Lord's Day is to refresh the soul in public worship.

FUNERALS.

1) The funeral *sermon* is not the great, central and all-important act. That does not make Christian burial. The sermon is for the living, but Christian burial relates to the dead, and takes place at the grave, where the minister hands the body over to the earth in hope of a blessed resurrection.. That is an official act.

2) For this reason only a Christian has a right to Christian burial. Have you never noticed the difference? At one grave the minister says: "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, looking for the resurrection at the last day and the life of the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord;" but at another grave he stops short of all hope and comfort, with the words, "dust to dust." The first is Christian burial; the second is only the respectful burial of a human being. In our Order of Worship the one is called "Burial of Members of the Church;" the other "A burial service." The one is comforting, the other is chilling.

3) Funeral feasting. This is a most unscriptural, unreasonable and inexcusable practice. In some sections it is passing away, but in others it is yet very common. Such great dinners are not now needful, because few people are far from home. True sorrow takes away appetite, and fasting is more becoming than such unblushing feasting. Many people go to funerals for little else than to meet friends and enjoy the riches of the table. This practice of funeral feasts should be quite set aside. It is a heavy tax on many a family, a burden on neighbors, and above all utterly inconsistent with the solemnity of the occasion. Let those eat who need it, and let all others go to their homes.

OUR BAPTIZED CHILDREN.

Our children, by their baptism, are admitted into the Christian Church. They have "put on Christ" (1 Cor. 12: 12). They belong to Christ and are called Christians (Cat. 1 and 32). As truly as they were partakers of sin and death, by their natural birth, so truly are they made partakers of life and grace by their spiritual birth. They are "in the Lord," made members of His body, and stand under the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost.

For this reason we may urge them to repentance, faith and a godly life. "Ye have your fruit unto holiness." This is true of them as well as of adults.

But many parents—indeed whole denominations—lose sight of this real gracious relation and position of Christian children, and practically regard them as belonging to the devil, standing outside of the Church, and in no special way called to holiness.

Such children—God pity them—are never challenged with the powerful motive presented in the Heidelberg Catechism and in the New Testament, "Ye are Christ's," and "the Spirit of God dwelleth in you," (1 Cor. 3: 16, 23).

Ask each one, "Are you a Christian?" and three-fourths will answer "No." Never having been taught who and what they are, they cannot well answer otherwise; and though in life and spirit they may come short, yet their relation to Christ, their position in the Christian Church, is real and gracious, and they should know it.

Our baptized children must be taught to bring forth fruit unto holiness, not merely after confirmation, nor yet first during catechization, but from their infancy on through all their years.

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MEETING OF THE CLASSES

OF THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH, AND THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
EAST PENNSYLVANIA	White Hall Church, Lehigh Co., Pa	May 7th, 1877
LEBANON	Annville, Lebanon County, Pa	May 23d, 1877
PHILADELPHIA	Pleasantville, Bucks Co., Pa	June 1st, 1877
LANCASTER	Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa	May 24th, 1877
EAST SUSQUEHANNA	McEwensville, Northumberland County, Pa	May 24th, 1877
WEST SUSQUEHANNA	Lewisburg, Pa	May 16th, 1877
GOSHENHOPPEN	Oley, Berks County, Pa	May 25th, 1877
TOHICKON	Sellersville, Bucks County, Pa	June 7th, 1877
WESTMORELAND	Scott Dale, Westmoreland County, Pa	May 25th, 1877
CLARION	Curlsville, Clarion County, Pa	May 31st, 1877
ST. PAUL'S	Church of the Cross, Mercer Charge, Pa	May 24th, 1877
SOMERSET	Salsbury, Somerset County, Pa	May 24th, 1877
ALLEGHENY	St. Paul's Church, Sugar Creek Charge	May 23d, 1877
ZIONS	Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa	May 25th, 1877
MARYLAND	Emmittsburg, Frederick County, Md	May 3d, 1877
MERCERSBURG	Marklesburg, Huntingdon County, Pa	May 23d, 1877
VIRGINIA	Lovetsville, Loudon County, Va	May 13th, 1877
NORTH CAROLINA	Newton, Catawaba Co., N. C	May 24th, 1877
SAN FRANCISCO	Napa City, California	June 1st, 1877

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received by Certificate.	Communed during the year.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Benevolent Contributions.
United States	8	179	425	64,373	36,308	5,250	3,825	960	49,242	29	565	2,160	473	28,447	43	$36,774 00
Ohio	12	151	338	23,458	11,851	1,920	1,535	715	19,304	49	343	579	242	17,089	40	7,828 00
North-West	9	124	187	14,635	12,372	1,655	1,034	623	11,765	172	300	425	130	6,516	11	9,988 00
Pittsburgh	5	55	124	9,510	7,638	1,050	683	348	8,208	20	179	301	94	5,640	13	7,063 00
Potomac	6	106	247	25,368	15,895	1,925	1,516	465	22,212	9	344	652	205	13,238	35	11,735 00
Eastern German.	5	32	31	7,114	4,916	1,458	543	588	5,868	4	95	510	34	5,080	2	3,706 00
Total	45	647	1,352	144,458	88,980	*13,258	9,136	3,699	116,599	†283	1,826	4,627	1,178	76,010	144	$77,094 00

* This includes the adult baptisms.

† The Synod of Ohio reports also, besides its excommunications, 356 "erasures" (according to Article 115th of the Constitution). Without a doubt some such erasures are included in the excommunications of other Synods, while many are not reported at all.

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa	Rev. D. B. ALBRIGHT	65
Butler, Butler County, Pa	Rev. J. B. THOMPSON	40

DEATHS OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1875, TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1876.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
Emanuel Christopher Mueller	—— —, 1868...	—— —, 1868...	Wheeling, W. Va.....	Oct. 22d, 1875.....	31
Samuel Hess.....	Sept., 1827.....	Sept., 1827.....	Hellertown, Pa.....	Nov. 23d, 1871....	71
Thomas Ferrel.....	.....	.....	Carroll Co., Ohio.....	Nov. 29th, 1875...	68
Henry Williard.....	July, 1837.....	—— —, 1837...	Lancaster, Ohio.....	Nov. 29th, 1875...	66
Daniel Weiser, D. D.....	Sept., 1824.....	Sept., 1824.....	Pennsburg, Pa.....	Dec. 2d, 1875.....	77
David W. Wolff.....	—— —, 1856...	—— —, 1856...	Carlisle, Pa.....	March 16th, 1876.	47
Henry Heckerman.....	May, 1845.....	Nov. 26, 1845...	Bedford, Pa.....	April 4th, 1876....	60
Daniel Ziegler, D. D.....	Sept. 30, 1830...	Sept. 30, 1830..	York, Pa.....	May 23d, 1876....	72
Frederick Wise.....	Oct. 21, 1852...	Oct. 21, 1852...	South Bend, Pa.....	June 30th, 1876...	58
Max Stern, D. D.....	—— —, 1845...	—— —, 1845...	Louisville, Ky.....	July 6th, 1876.....	61
Gregory Henry Meiboom.....	—— —, 1869...	—— —, 1869...	Milwaukie, Wis.....	July 18th, 1876....	35
Stephen Kieffer Kremer.....	—— —, 1870...	—— —, 1870...	Greencastle, Pa.....	Aug. 16th, 1876...	32

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
English.—			
Reformed Church Messenger.....	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Weekly.....	.....1827.....
Christian World.....	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	"	.....1848.....
Reformed Missionary.....	Maquoketa, Jackson County, Iowa.....	Monthly.....	.....1870.....
The Guardian.....	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	"	.....1850.....
Child's Treasury.....	" " " "	Semi-monthly.....	.....1859.....
Mercersburg Review.....	" " " "	Quarterly.....	.....1849.....
Reformed Church Herald.....	Bethlehem, Pa.....	Monthly	.....1873.....
College Days.....	Lancaster, Pa.....	"	.....1873.....
Heidelberg Teacher.....	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	"	.....1873.....
Leaves of Light.....	" " " "	Semi-monthly.....	.....1873.....
College Times.....	Tiffin, Ohio.....	Monthly.....	....1875.....
German.—			
Kirchenzeitung und Evangelist.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	Weekly.....	....1838.....
Reformirte Hausfreund.....	Reading, Pa.....	Every other week...	.....1866.....
Der Lammerhirte.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	Monthly.....	.....1859.....

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENTS.
Franklin and Marshall College.....	Lancaster, Pa.....	Wm. M. Nevin, A. M. *Pro tem.*
Heidelberg College.....	Tiffin, Ohio.....	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.
Catawba College.....	Newtown, N. C.....	Rev. J. C. Clapp, A. M.
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Palatinate College.....	Meyerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.....	G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D.
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St. John's Select School.....	Knoxville, Md.....	G. L. Staley, D. D.
Female Seminary.....	Mercersburg, Pa.....	Rev. J. Hassler, A. M.

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Albright, Geo. H., Polk, Ashland Co., O.
Albright, G. M., New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., O.
Alspach, J. W., Barnhart Mills, Armstr'g Co., Pa.
Andrews, W. M., Reesdburg, Ohio.
App l, Dr. Theodore, Prof., Lancaster, Pa.
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Baum, C., Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
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Bauman, F. C., Zwingli, Dubuque Co., Iowa.
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Baumgartner, J., Leslie, Van Vert Co., Ohio.
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Becker, Charles, Glassboro, N. J.
Becker, Chas., Broadheadville, Monroe Co., Pa.
Becker, Cyrus J., Catasauqua, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Becker, Philip, Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., Ohio.
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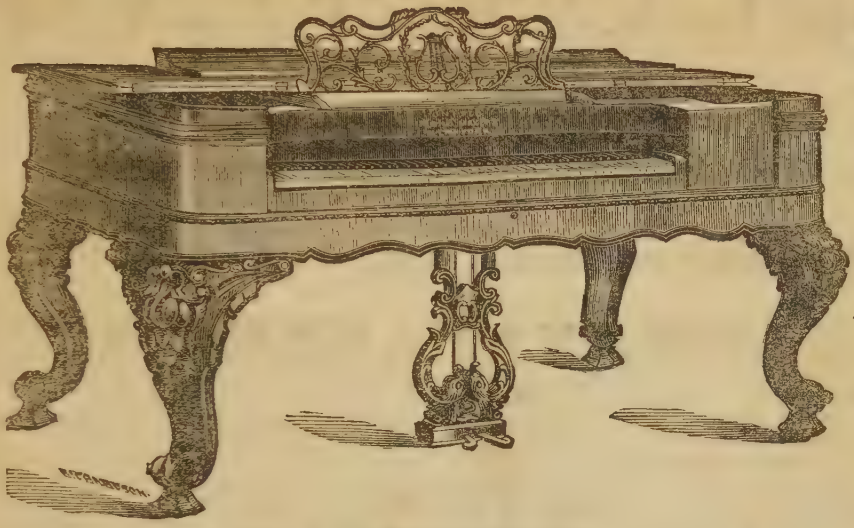

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MOON'S SIGNS.

New Moon. First Quarter. Full Moon. Last Quarter.

PLANETS AND ASPECTS.

♄ Saturn. ♂ Mars. ♀ Venus. ☽ Moon.
♃ Jupiter. ☉ Sun. ☿ Mercury. ♅ Herschel.

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.
□ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
△ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

HERSCHEL'S WEATHER TABLE.

This table and the accompanying remarks are the result of many years' actual observation, the whole being constructed on a due consideration of the attraction of the Sun and Moon, in their several positions respecting the earth, and, by simple inspection, it shows the observer what kind of weather will most probably follow the entrance of the Moon into any of its quarters, and that so near the truth as to be seldom or never found to fail.

If the New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon or Last Quarter, happens	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.
Between midnight and 2 o'clock	Fair	Frost unless wind Southwest.
" 2 and 4 morning	Cold and showers	Snow and stormy.
" 4 " 6 "	Rain	Rain.
" 6 " 8 "	Wind and rain	Stormy.
" 8 " 10 "	Changeable	Cold rain if wind West, snow if East.
" 10 " 12 "	Frequent showers	Cold and high wind.
" 12 " 2 afternoon	Very rainy	Snow or rain.
" 2 " 4 "	Changeable	Fair and mild.
" 4 " 6 "	Fair	Fair.
" 6 " 8 "	Fair if wind Northwest	Fair and frosty if wind N. or N. E.
" 8 " 10 "	Rainy if South or Southwest	Rain or snow if South or S. W.
" 10 " midnight	Fair	Fair and frosty.

OBSERVATIONS.—1. The nearer the time for the Moon's change, first quarter, full and last quarter are to *midnight*, the fairer will be the weather during the next seven days.

2. The space for this calculation occupies from ten at night till two next morning.

3. The nearer to *midday* or *noon* the phase of the Moon happens, the more foul or wet weather may be expected during the next seven days.

4. The space for this calculation occupies from ten in the forenoon to two in the afternoon. These observations refer principally to the Summer, though they affect Spring and Autumn nearly in the same ratio.

5. The Moon's change, first quarter, full and last quarter, happening during six of the afternoon hours, *i. e.* from four to ten, may be followed by fair weather; but this is mostly dependent on the *wind*, as is noted in the table.

6. Though the weather, from a variety of irregular causes, is more uncertain in the latter part of Autumn, the whole of Winter and the beginning of Spring, yet in the main the above observations will apply to those periods also.

7. To prognosticate correctly, especially in those cases where the *wind* is concerned, the observer should be within sight of a good *vane*, where the four cardinal points af the heavens are correctly placed.

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The Jewish Era, with their 5639th year, commences September 28th, 1878.
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MOVEABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 17.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Mar. 3.
Shrove Tuesday, March 5.
Ash Wednesday, March 6.
Palm Sunday, April 14.
Easter Sunday, April 21.
Ascension, Holy Thurs., May 30.
Whit Sunday, Pentecost, June 9.
Trinity Sunday, June 16.
Corpus Christi, June 20.
First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 1.
Sundays after Trinity are 23.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

March 13. June 12. September 18. December 18.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, ◯ enters ♈ Mar. 20th, 12 o'clock, 28 min. Aftn'n.
Summer Solstice, " " ♋ June 21st, 8 " 49 " Morn.
Autumnal Equinox, ◯ enters ♎ Sept. 22d, 11 o'clock, 12 min. Evo.
Winter Solstice, " ♑ Dec. 21st, 5 " 27 " "

(♀) Venus is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1878.

There will be four Eclipses, two of the Sun, and two of the Moon. The first is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, February 2d, 2 o'clock, 46 min. in the morning. Invisible here; visible in Australia and at the South Pole.

The second is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, February 17th, 6 o'clock, 20 min. in the morning. Partly visible. Begins 4 o'clock, 40 min. in the morning. Middle, 6 o'clock, 10 min. in the morning. End, 7 o'clock, 37 min. in the morning, after the Moon sets.

The third is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, July 29th, 4 o'clock, 22 min. in the afternoon. Visible here as a Partial Eclipse. Begins 1 o'clock, 41 min. in the afternoon. Middle, 5 o'clock, 38 min. in the afternoon. End, 6 o'clock, 24 min. in the afternoon. Over 7 digits on the southern part of the Sun will be eclipsed.

The fourth is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, August 12th, 7 o'clock, 8 min. in the evening; will be partly visible when the Moon rises, and ends at 8 o'clock, 33 min in the evening.

A transit of Mercury over the Sun's disc, May 6. Ingress, 10 o'clock, 15 min. morning. Middle, 2 o'clock, 0 min, afternoon. Egress, 5 o'clock, 44 min. evening. A small dark spot will pass over the Sun's disc from East to West. Duration, 7 hours and 29 minutes.

JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 *New Year.*	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	6 36	12	♀ sets 8 23	47	23 4	37	11 16
Wednesday	2 Martyrs H Scrip	Philip 2: 1-12	6 59	24	Orion south 10 57	47	23 4	37	12 22
Thursday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12-19	☽ sets	6	3rd. ♂ ☽ ♅ [in ♌	57	23 4	37	1 28
Friday	4 Titus	Eph. 3:	5 37	18	□ ♄ ☉ ♂ ☽ ♅ ♀	57	22 4	38	1 56
Saturday	5 Simeon	Psalm 24:	6 40	0	♄ in Perihelion ♂ ♅ ☉	67	22 4	38	2 40
1] *Sunday after New Year,*		Luke 2: 33–40; Rom. 6: 12–18.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 min.*				
Sunday	6 *Epiphany.*	John 1: 29–34	7 39	12	Sirius south 11 30	67	21 4	39	3 24
Monday	7 Widukind	" 1: 38–51	8 45	24	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 8 12	77	21 4	39	4 16
Tuesday	8 Severinus	" 2:	9 54	6	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♄ ♌	77	20 4	40	4 50
Wednesday	9 Catherine Zell	" 3:	10 59	18	♄ sets 10 12	77	20 4	40	5 31
Thursday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 4:	morn.	0	☿ ☿ ☉ Inferior [6 14	87	19 4	41	6 16
Friday	11 Fructuosus	" 5:	12 15	13	11th. ♂ ☽ ♁ ♁ so.	87	19 4	41	6 54
Saturday	12 Jean Castellian	" 6: 1–25	1 26	26	Rigel south 9 34	97	18 4	42	7 42
2] *1st Sunday after Epiphany,*		Luke. 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 26 min.*				
Sunday	13 Hilary	John 6: 26–71	2 30	9	♂ ♅ ♅ Orion so. 10 9	97	17 4	43	8 36
Monday	14 Felix	" 7:	3 34	23	Neptune stationary	97	17 4	43	9 27
Tuesday	15 John de Laski	" 8: 1–20	4 40	7	♅ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	107	16 4	44	10 29
Wednesday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 8: 21–50	5 48	22	♀ gr. Brilliancy	107	15 4	45	11 26
Thursday	17 Anthony	" 9:	6 26	7	♀ sets 8 1	107	14 4	46	12 25
Friday	18 John Blackader	" 10: 1–21	☽ rises.	23	18th. ♄ sets 9 40	117	13 4	47	1 23
Saturday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 10: 22–42	5 56	8	♁ sets 11 56	117	12 4	48	2 11
3] *2d Sunday after Epiphany,*		John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 38 min.*				
Sunday	20 Fabian	Mark 1: 1–20	6 49	23	☽ in per. ☉ enters ♒	117	11 4	49	2 54
Monday	21 Agnes	" 1: 21–45	7 46	8	♅. ♅ stationary	127	11 4	49	3 40
Tuesday	22 Vincent	" 2:	8 52	22	Spica rises 11 32	127	10 4	50	4 26
Wednesday	23 Isaiah	" 3: 1–19	9 59	6	♈* south 7 17	127	9 4	51	5 13
Thursday	24 Timothy	" 3: 20–35	11 12	19	□ Neptune ☉ [10 8	127	8 4	52	5 53
Friday	25 *Paul's convers.*	" 4:	morn.	2	25th. Sirius south	137	7 4	53	6 41
Saturday	26 Polycarp	" 5: 6: 1-6	12 8	15	♀ sets 7 44	137	6 4	54	7 22
4] *3d Sunday after Epiphany,*		Matth. 8: 1–13; Rom. 12: 17–21.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 50 min.*				
Sunday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	Mark 6: 7–29	1 9	27	♁ sets 11 45	137	5 4	55	8 12
Monday	28 Charlemagne	" 6: 30–56	2 12	9	♄ sets 9 12	137	4 4	56	8 52
Tuesday	29 Juventin	" 7: 1–23	3 18	21	Rigel south 8 21 [8 16	137	3 4	57	9 41
Wednesday	30 Henry Müller	" 7: 24–37	4 20	3	♂ ☽ ♅. Capella south	147	2 4	58	10 29
Thursday	31 Hans Sachs	" 8:	5 29	15	♀ stationary	147	1 4	59	11 28

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	3d,	9 o'clock,	2 min.	Morning.
First Quarter,	11th,	5 "	46 "	Evening.
Full Moon,	18th,	7 "	10 "	Evening.
Last Quarter,	25th,	10 "	48 "	Forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, rain and snow; 12, 13, 14, clear, cold; 15, 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, snow; 20, 21, 22, clear, cold; 23, 24, snow; 25, 26, coldest days; 27, 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, rain and snow.

(♃) Jupiter is in conjunction with the sun the 8th of this month, and cannot be seen.

Monica, the earnest Christian mother of St. Augustine, prayed thirty years for the conversion of her wayward son to Christianity. With sad heart she here stands on the sea-shore and watches the departing ship, on which he has stolen away from her to Rome. At length he became a most devoted believer, and also a most useful man. His writings did great good in his day, and have come down to our own time.

DO YOU GET THE CHURCH PAPER?

If you can afford only one newspaper, let that be your church paper. It will give you all the State news you really need, and also the news of Christ's kingdom, the most important of all news.

The real reason why so many people do not take the church paper is that they care nothing about it. Not afford it? Nonsense, when they get one or two others, besides luxuries that cost five times as much!

THE MASTER SITS BY THE TREASURY.

BY MRS. W. E. MILLER.

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury."—Mark xii. 41.

The Master "sits over against it,"
As He did in the Temple of old,
When the rich in the vestibule tarried,
To cast in their treasures and gold:
And the Pharisee poured in his off'ring,
To chink 'gainst the sides of the chest;
And the widow stole up with her farthing,
And the Publican smote on his breast.

The Master still sits by the Treasury
As He did in the Temple of old,
Though centuries long have glided
Since the Pharisee cast in his gold.
And He sees, though the name is discarded,
The sect in its vigor remains,
And the devotee eases his conscience,
By giving of ill-gotten gains.

And the widow still comes with her off'ring,
All fragrant with love and with prayer,
And the Master accepts of the treasure,
The richest and sweetest that's there;
And pours in the heart of the giver,
So much of His love and His grace,
She goes forth to new self-denial,
Repaid by a glance of His face.

The Master still sits by the Treasury,
And oft sees the rich heavy fold
Of velvet and satin sweep near Him,
And the glitter of jewels and gold;
As the maiden comes up to deposit,
From fingers all flashing with light,
A dime—a penny—or farthing,
Unconscious, alas! of His sight.

The Master "sits over against it,"
O brother, can you, or can I,
With confidence bring in our off'ring,
And cast it beneath His pure eye?
Should He take up the gift—O how paltry!
And weigh it before us to-night,
Encumbered with every mixed motive,
Oh, what would it seem in His sight?

The Master "sits over against it"—
A terrible thought, and yet true;
When His servants, His own ransomed children,
Withhold from the Treasury His due;
And each of His substance is spending
For what seemeth best in his sight,
Yet goes through the door of the Temple
And casts to his Master his mite.

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1	Ignatius	Mark 9:	16 [illegible]	♐ 27	☽ ☌ ♃ ♄	14	7 0	5 0	12 29
Saturday	2	*Candle Mass*	" 10: 1–31	☽ sets	♑ 9	2d. ☿ elong. W. ♌	14	6 59	5 1	1 31
] *4th Sunday after Epiphany,*			Matth. 8: 23–27; Rom. 13: 1–7.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 4 *min.*				
Sunday	3	Ansgar	Matt. 3:	6 34	♑ 21	☿ rises 6 9	14	6 58	5 2	2 22
Monday	4	Rhaban. Maurus	" 4: 1–22	7 39	♒ 3	☌ ☽ ♀ ☌ sets 7 16	14	6 56	5 4	3 14
Tuesday	5	P. S. Spener	"4: 23-5: 1-12	8 44	♒ 15	☽ in apo. ☌ ☽ ♄	14	6 55	5 5	3 54
Wednesday	6	Amandus	" 5: 13–32	9 56	♒ 28	☌ ☿ ♃. ♄ sets 8 50	14	6 54	5 6	4 40
Thursday	7	George Wagner	" 5: 32–48	10 59	♓ 10	☿ in Perihelion	14	6 53	5 7	5 21
Friday	8	Maria Andrea	" 6:	11 58	♓ 22	Rigel south 7 40	14	6 52	5 8	5 57
Saturday	9	John Hooper	" 7:	morn.	♈ 5	☌ ☽ ♉ ♉ sets 11 40	15	6 51	5 9	6 42
] *5th Sunday after Epiphany,*			Matt. 13: 24–30; Col. 3: 12–17.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 20 *min.*				
Sunday	10	F. C. Oetinger	Matt. 8: 1–17	12 34	♈ 19	10th. ☿ sets 6 50	15	6 50	5 10	7 34
Monday	11	H. de St. Victor	" 8: 17–34	1 28	♈ 3	7* sets 1 30	15	6 48	5 12	8 21
Tuesday	12	Lady Jane Grey	" 9:	2 29	♉ 17	Rigel south 7 25	15	6 47	5 13	9 10
Wednesday	13	C. F. Schwartz	" 10:	3 35	♉ 1	Antares rises 3 13 ♏	15	6 46	5 14	9 51
Thursday	14	Brun. of Querfu't	" 11:	4 46	♉ 17	Orion south 7 56	14	6 45	5 15	10 43
Friday	15	Jacob von Loh	" 12:	5 38	♊ 1	♄ sets 8 21	14	6 44	5 16	11 37
Saturday	16	Matth. Desübas	" 13:	6 10	♊ 17	☌ ☍ ☉. ♉ sets 11 16	14	6 42	5 18	12 31
] *Septuagesima Sunday,*			Matt. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–27 and 10: 1–5.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 38 *min.*				
Sunday	17	Pat. Hamilton	Luke 3:	♏ rises.	♊ 1	17th. ☽ eclipsed. Vis. ♌	14	6 41	5 19	1 29
Monday	18	Simeon of Jerus.	" 4:	7 10	♊ 15	☽ in per. ☿ in Aphelion	14	6 39	5 21	2 18
Tuesday	19	Mesrob	" 5:	8 22	♋ 0	☉ enters ♓	14	6 38	5 22	3 8
Wednesday	20	Sadoth	" 6: 1–19	9 35	♋ 14	☌ ♀ ☉ Inferior	14	6 37	5 23	3 42
Thursday	21	Mainrad	" 6: 20–49	10 37	♋ 27	Pollux south 9 36	14	6 36	5 24	4 30
Friday	22	*Washington B.*	" 7:	11 40	♌ 10	Spica rises 9 26	14	6 35	5 25	5 15
Saturday	23	B. Ziegenbalg	" 8:	morn.	♌ 24	23d. Regulus rises 11 22	14	6 33	5 27	5 55
] *Sexagesima Sunday,*			Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 19–33—12: 1–9.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 56 *min*				
Sunday	24	Matthias	Luke 9: 1–36	12 34	♍ 6	♉ sets 11 26	13	6 32	5 28	6 39
Monday	25	Casp. Olevianus	" 9: 37–62	1 31	♍ 18	♄ sets 7 46	13	6 31	5 29	7 33
Tuesday	26	Berthold Haller	" 10:	2 29	♎ 0	Antares rises 2 17 ♏	13	6 29	5 31	8 30
Wednesday	27	Martin Bucer	" 11:	3 25	♎ 12	☌ ☽ ♃ ♃ rises 3 56	13	6 28	5 32	9 28
Thursday	28	Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	4 12	♎ 24	Sirius south 7 43	13	6 27	5 33	10 26

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	2d,	3 o'clock,	17 min.	Morning.
First Quarter,	10th,	8 "	16 "	Morning.
Full Moon,	17th,	6 "	14 "	Morning.
Last Quarter,	23d,	10 "	12 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cloudy; 4, 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, rain and snow; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, variable 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, snow; 23, 24, cold; 25, 26, moderate; 27, 28, fair.

(♀) Venus is Evening Star until February 20; then Morning Star till December 5; then again Evening Star till the end of the year.

Every Christian family should ask a blessing at the table. This was the old Jewish custom, it was the Saviour's practice, and so the Apostles did (Acts 27: 35). Commonly the father asks a blessing, but often the children are taught to do it, and if so, they will likely afterward do it in their own home. Many a widowed, Christian mother teaches her little ones to fold their hands and pray at the table.

"UNWORTHY" AND "UNWORTHILY."

It would be both interesting and profitable to know how much time and thought different Christians give to preparation for the Holy Communion.

Doubtless much depends on disposition and age, as well as piety. Some neglect even the Preparatory service, and on the Lord's Day rush into sacred things almost wholly unprepared. Others go to the Preparatory service hurriedly, pressed by business, and so carry much of the world with them. Others wisely devote several days to special reading, prayer and thought, thus bringing themselves into proper sympathy with the service.

The Lord's Supper, being the most central, is also the most solemn service of the Christian Church, and demands the highest degree of fitness we can bring to it.

People generally feel this; and therefore many a humble soul trembles at the seemingly severe words of Paul: "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself" (1 Cor. 11: 29).

Many quite misunderstand the meaning of this expression, "unworthily." They read it as if he had said "being unworthy." The difference between the two is very wide.

"Unworthy" relates to our general moral and religious condition; but "unworthily" relates to the manner, spirit, and motive of our eating and drinking, in the Lord's Supper.

We never here can be worthy, that is, pure and sinless. Smiting our breasts we must ever cry, "Unclean, unclean; God be merciful to me a sinner." And yet a proper sense of this unworthiness, humbly confessed, makes us acceptable before God, for Christ's sake.

To eat and drink "unworthily," is to come to the holy Eucharist without true repentance, confession, and resolutions of new obedience; to come self-righteously, confessing sin but finding comfort in our natural goodness and our good works; to come irreverently, thoughtlessly, even abusing the sacrament, as was done of old (1 Cor. 11: 22).

True fitness for the Holy Communion is the most simple of all things; and yet many stand in doubt of themselves, not because really unfit, but because they know not what true fitness is.

One main part of it is sincerity. He who stands in the Christian Church, and is truly interested in his salvation; who tries to please God, and is sincere in his whole religious life—such a Christian, anxious to be fit, cannot eat and drink unworthily, because with sincere heart he comes to the Father through Jesus Christ.

"My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine."

"They eat and drink judgment to themselves, not because they are sinners, but because they are impenitent sinners."

To keep moths out of old clothing—give the clothing to the poor.

MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1	Suidbert	Luke 12: 13-59	5 10	♑ 7	♀ gr. Nel. Sat. N. ☋	13 6	25 5	35 11	24
Saturday	2	John Wesley	" 13: 1-21	5 52	♑ 17	☽ ☌ ♀ ☿ ☊	12 6	24 5	36 12	13
9] *Quinquagesima Sunday,*			Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 14 *min.*				
Sunday	3	Bathilde	Luke 13: 22-35	☽ sets	♒ 29	3d. ♀ rises 5 13 Mor. St.	12 6	23 5	37 1	22
Monday	4	Geo. Wishart	" 14:	6 58	♓ 12	☽ in apo. ☌ ☽ ♄ sets 7 0	12 6	21 5	39 2	12
Tuesday	5	*Shrove Tuesday*	" 15:	7 59	♓ 24	♃ rises 3 36	12 6	20 5	40 2	48
Wednesday	6	*Ash Wednesday*	" 16:	9 6	♈ 7	Sirius south 7 31	11 6	19 5	41 3	32
Thursday	7	Perpetua	" 17: 1-19	10 15	♈ 19	Spica rises 8 40	11 6	17 5	43 4	16
Friday	8	Zach. Ursinus	" 17: 20-37	11 26	♉ 2	Arctur rises 7 42	11 6	16 5	44 5	6
Saturday	9	Cyrillus	" 18: 1-30	morn.	♉ 16	☌ ☽ ♁ ♁ sets 11 16	11 6	15 5	45 5	46
10] 1*st Sunday in Lent,*			Matth. 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 54 *min.*				
Sunday	10	40 Martyrs at Sebaste	Luke 18: 31-19: 1-28	12 30	♉ 29	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	11 6	13 5	47 6	23
Monday	11	Wm. Hoseus	" 19: 29-20: 1-18	1 40	♊ 13	11th. ♀ rises 4 47	10 6	12 5	48 7	16
Tuesday	12	Greg. the Great	" 20: 19-21: 1-4	2 28	♊ 27	Regulus S. 10 30 ♌	10 6	11 5	49 8	8
Wednesday	13	*Ember Day*	" 21: 5–35	3 26	♋ 11	♀ stationary ☌ N. ☉	10 6	10 5	50 8	52
Thursday	14	Matilda	" 22: 1–30	4 12	♋ 25	Procyon south 7 54	9 6	8 5	52 9	40
Friday	15	Thos. Cranmer	" 22: 31–71	4 51	♌ 10	7* sets 11 27	9 6	7 5	53 10	36
Saturday	16	Heribert	" 23:	5 20	♌ 25	♃ rises 2.50	9 6	6 5	54 11	30
11] 2*d Sunday in Lent,*			Matth. 15: 21–28; 1 Thess. 4: 1–8.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 52 *min.*				
Sunday	17	St. Patrick	Mark 10: 32-52	5 45	♍ 9	☌ ☿ N. ☊	9 6	4 5	56 12	28
Monday	18	Alexander	" 11:	☽ rise	♎ 23	18th. ☽ in per	8 6	3 5	57 1	21
Tuesday	19	Mary & Martha	" 12:	7 17	♎ 8	♀ rises 4 24	8 6	1 5	59 2	10
Wednesday	20	Ambrose of Sien.	" 13:	8 30	♏ 22	☉ enters ♈. Day and Night equal	8 6	0 6	0 3	4
Thursday	21	Benedict	" 14: 1–54	9 44	♐ 5	Spring commences.	7 5	59 6	1 3	42
Friday	22	Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 14: 55-15; 1-15	10 58	♐ 18	♁ sets 11 6	7 5	57 6	3 4	34
Saturday	23	Wolfgang	" 15: 16–47	morn.	♑ 1	Regulus south 9 48	7 5	56 6	4 5	16
12] 3*d Sunday in Lent,*			Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 12 *min.*				
Sunday	24	Florentius	Matt. 20: 17-33	12 0	♑ 14	Sirius south 8 10	6 5	55 6	5 6	6
Monday	25	Ann. V. Mary	" 21:	12 51	♑ 26	25th. Pollux South. 7 22 ☋	6 5	54 6	6 6	48
Tuesday	26	Lindger	" 22:	1 40	♒ 8	♀ rises 4 12	6 5	52 6	8 7	34
Wednesday	27	Rupertus	" 23:	2 24	♒ 20	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 2 26	6 5	51 6	9 8	22
Thursday	28	John von Goch	" 24: 1–31	3 12	♓ 2	7* sets 10 47	5 5	50 6	10 9	12
Friday	29	Eustatius	" 24: 32-51	3 44	♓ 14	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ gr. brilliancy	5 5	48 6	12 9	54
Saturday	30	John Heermann	" 25:	4 15	♓ 26	☊. ♁ sets 11 2	5 5	47 6	13 10	42
13] 4*th Sunday in Lent,*			John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 28 *min.*				
Sunday	31	Ernest the Pious	Matt. 26: 1–13	4 40	♈ 8	☽ in apo.	4 5	46 6	14 11	36

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	3d,	10	o'clock,	16 min., Evening.
First Quarter,	11th,	11	"	0 " "
Full Moon,	18th,	4	"	6 " "
Last Quarter,	25th,	11	"	49 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rainy; 3, 4, fair; 5, 6, 7, variable, with snow and rain; 8, 9, 10, cold; 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, snow; 15, 16, cold; 17, 18, fair; 19, rain; 20, 21, 22, cold, N.W.; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, cloudy, rainy; 29, 30, 31, fair.

(♄). Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun, the 13th of this month, and cannot be seen.

David was not boastful; but when Saul underrated him, and thought him too small to fight Goliath, David told him that once when keeping his father's sheep he slew a lion and a bear, "and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them." Read the brave answer in 1 Sam. 17: 34–37.

TO FIND THE DAY OF YOUR BIRTH.

By this rule you can find the day of the week on which you were born:—

To your age at your next birthday add one-fourth, for leap years. Divide this by seven. If there be no remainder, you were born on the day on which your next birthday falls. If there be a remainder, count back this number of days from this day.

For example: You are 40; add one-fourth, and it is 50; divide by 7, and 1 remains. Your next birthday is Wednesday. Count back one day, and you find you were born on Tuesday.

Perhaps you are 66; add 16 (fractions are dropped), and it is 82; divide by 7, and the remainder is 5. Your birthday at 66 is Monday. Count back five days, and see you were born on Wednesday.

HOW TO KEEP LENT.

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee: the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity: and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day. (Is. 58: 6–10.)

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

All our congregations should feel an interest in this very worthy and needy Society.

It assists the widows and children of deceased ministers, and disabled ministers also who may be unable to make a living.

Its members are ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States.

It now has a fund of $13,000, safely invested, which is gradually increasing.

Its money comes from four sources: 1) interest on the $13,000; 2) dues paid by members; 3) collections in congregations; 4) gifts and legacies from individuals.

Almost every year our Synods urge our people to aid this good work with their alms, and many congregations every year do so. Collections for this purpose commonly are taken in June.

Has your congregation done anything yet? Your dear pastor or his family may some day need help, and be obliged to ask it of this very Society. Then you will be glad, if you now do what you can to increase its funds and its usefulness.

Money may be sent to the Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel, Lancaster, Pa.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Fritigiid	Mark 26: 14-35	5 10	♓ 20	☌ ☽ ♄ ☋	4 5	4 46	6 16	12 28
Tuesday	2 Theodosia	" 26: 36-56	☽ sets	♈ 3	2d. ♀ rises 3 58	4 5	4 43	6 17	1 23
Wednesday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	"26:57; 27:1-2	7 58	♈ 16	☿ in Perihelion	3 5	4 26	6 18	2 14
Thursday	4 Ambrose	" 27: 3-31	9 16	♈ 29	☌ ☽ ☿. 7* sets 10 16	3 5	4 06	6 20	3 4
Friday	5 Christ. Scriver.	" 27: 32-50	10 32	♉ 12	♃ rises 1 58	3 5	3 96	6 21	3 42
Saturday	6 Albert Durer	" 27: 51-56	11 10	♉ 26	Sirius sets 10 40	2 5	3 86	6 22	4 36

4] *5th Sunday in Lent,* John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	7 Olaus Peterson	John 11:	11 56	♊ 10	☌ ☽ ♉ ♉ sets 11 0	2 5	3 76	6 23	5 15
Monday	8 Mart. Chenmitz.	" 12:	morn.	♊ 24	Regulus south 8 54	2 5	3 56	6 25	6 4
Tuesday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 13: 1-30	12 59	♋ 8	Spica south 12 7	2 5	3 46	6 26	6 44
Wednesday	10 Fulbert	" 13: 31-14	1 51	♋ 22	10th. ♀ rises 3 42	1 5	3 36	6 27	7 35
Thursday	11 Leo the Great	" 15:	2 24	♌ 7	Orion sets 10 56	1 5	3 26	6 28	8 24
Friday	12 Sabas	" 16:	2 59	♌ 21	♉. Wega rises 8 59	1 5	3 16	6 29	9 11
Saturday	13 Justin Martyr	" 17;	3 26	♍ 5	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	1 5	2 96	6 31	9 50

5] *Palm Sunday,* John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 4 *min.*

Sunday	14 John Eccart	Lam. Jeremiah	3 54	♍ 19	♃ rises 1 29	sun 5	2 86	32	10 42
Monday	15 Simon Dach	Heb. 8:	4 16	♎ 2	☽ in Per. ☿ gr. elong. E.	fast 5	2 76	33	11 38
Tuesday	16 Peter Waldo	" 9:	4 40	♎ 16	☿ sets 7 25	0 5	2 56	35	12 35
Wednesday	17 Mappalicus	" 10:	☽ rises.	♏ 0	17th. ♀ rises 3 26	0 5	2 46	36	1 31
Thursday	18 *Maund. Thurs.*	John 6:	8 56	♏ 13	♄ sets 10 52	1 5	2 36	37	2 20
Friday	19 *Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32-49	9 49	♏ 26	7* sets 9 24	1 5	2 26	38	3 12
Saturday	20 John Bugenhag	Heb. 4:	10 49	♐ 9	☉ enters ♉	1 5	2 16	39	3 48

6] *Easter Sunday,* John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 20 *min.*

Sunday	21 *Easter Sunday*	John 20: 1-18	11 42	♐ 22	Rigel sets 9 41	1 5	2 06	40	4 29
Monday	22 *Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1-12	morn.	♑ 2	Aldebaran sets 9 22 ☋	2 5	1 86	42	5 10
Tuesday	23 Adelbert	Acts 2: 22-47	12 29	♑ 14	♃ rises 1 0	2 5	1 76	43	5 51
Wednesday	24 Wilfrid	1 Cor. 15:	1 7	♑ 28	24th. ☌ ☽ ♃	2 5	1 66	44	6 40
Thursday	25 St. Mark, Evan	Rom. 6:	1 39	♒ 10	♊ ♃ ☉	2 5	1 56	45	7 31
Friday	26 Trudpert	" 8:	2 8	♒ 21	♌. ☿ stationary	2 5	1 46	46	8 20
Saturday	27 Otto Catelin	1 Cor. 3:	2 29	♓ 3	☽ in apo. ♀ rises 3 10	2 5	1 26	48	9 12

7] *1st Sunday after Easter,* John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–10. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 38 *min.*

Sunday	28 Fred. Myconius	John 1:	2 53	♓ 16	☽ ☌ ♀ ♄. ♄ rises 3 12	3 5	1 16	49	9 50
Monday	29 L. von Berquin	" 2:	3 12	♓ 28	♉ sets 10 46	3 5	1 06	50	10 44
Tuesday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 3:	3 36	♈ 11	Spica south 10 49	3 5	9 6	51	11 32

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	2d,	4 o'clock,	14 min.	Afternoon.
First Quarter,	10th,	9 "	54 "	Forenoon.
Full Moon,	17th,	12 "	56 "	Morning.
Last Quarter,	24th,	3 "	36 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, thunder showers; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, warm; 15, thunder; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, showers; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, showers.

Charles lives in the country, and has often seen fish in the springs and creeks; but here in the city he sees fish in a glass case, kept for the pleasure of the family. He wonders whether it is a pleasure also for the fish.

"PRAYING" MEMBERS.

This is a bad word, and as unfair as it is common. "How many praying members have you?"—that is, how many lead in public prayer?

It is a great wrong to thousands of faithful Christian men, who pray much to their Father in secret, but not at all in public.

It shuts out almost the whole body of faithful Christian women, who surely are not prayerless.

It wrongs all our dear children, whose morning and evening prayers rise like sweet incense to the throne of God.

All these are "praying" members. The word should not be used in its common, but unfair sense.

OLD EASTER CUSTOMS.

Long ago it was the custom in many Christian churches in England to put out all the fires on Easter Eve, and rekindle them with a flint. The church was illuminated with paschal tapers, as they were called. One of these tapers, used in a London church in 1557, weighed three hundred pounds. Sepulchres of boards or masonry were built in the churches before Good Friday and were kept guarded until after Easter, in imitation of the guard set to watch the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. There seems to have been a belief current during the Middle Ages that Christ was to appear again upon some Easter. At this time, too, many gifts were given to the poor—a loving custom.

The great joy of Easter also gave rise to the common notion that on Easter morning the sun danced at rising.

"Let all the steeples clash
Till the sun dance, as upon Easter day."

Many of these old customs have fallen away; but not that of the Easter egg, which is known to you all.

HOT CROSS-BUNS.

"Good Friday comes this month, the old woman runs,
With one or two a penny hot cross-buns,
Whose virtue is, if you believe what's said,
They'll not grow mouldy like the common bread."

The "hot cross-buns" belong to England. They are always baked on Good Friday, and one or two are kept through the whole year, "for luck," as the common people say. An old superstition taught that bread baked on Good Friday would cure disease, keep away dangers, and do many other impossible things.

The "hot cross-buns" are small, highly spiced, overlaid with sugar and marked with a cross. Almost every English family uses them on Good Friday, and they are largely given by friend to friend.

EASTER.

He that wishes to keep the Easter of eternity must first learn to keep the Easter day of time.

He that would rise to glory must first lie down in grace—live in grace, die in grace, be buried in grace, and rest in grace.

To have a blessed resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ, you must live under His resurrection-power now (John 6: 54–58).

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Philip & James	John 4:	4 2	♈ 24	☿ gr. elong. West ☋	3	5 7	6 53	12 30
Thursday	2 Athanasius	" 5:	☽ sets	♉ 8	2d. ♂ ☽ ☿	3	5 6	6 54	1 29
Friday	3 Monica	" 6: 1–40	8 44	♉ 22	☿ rises 3 4	3	5 5	6 55	2 14
Saturday	4 Florian	" 6: 41–71	9 47	♊ 6	♃ rises 12 42	3	5 4	6 56	3 6
18]	*2d Sunday after Easter,*	John 10: 11–16; 1 Pet. 2: 20–25.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 54 *min.*				
Sunday	5 Fred. the Wise	John 7:	10 51	♊ 20	♄ sets 10 41	3	5	3 6 57	3 46
Monday	6 John of Damasc.	" 8: 1–30	11 48	♋ 4	♂ ☽ ♄ ♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior ♏	4	5	2 6 58	4 28
Tuesday	7 Otto the Great	" 8: 31–59	morn.	♋ 19	♄ rises 2 58	4	5	1 6 59	5 14
Wednesday	8 Stanislaus	" 9:	12 22	♌ 3	Sirius sets 8 41	4	5	0 7 0	6 2
Thursday	9 Gr'g. Nanzianzen	" 10:	1 2	♌ 17	9th. ♍	4	4 59	7 1	6 42
Friday	10 John Heuglin	" 11:	1 32	♍ 1	Arctur south 11 1	4	4 58	7 2	7 30
Saturday	11 John Arndt	" 12:	1 57	♍ 15	♃ rises 12 21	4	4 57	7 3	8 32
19]	*3d Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 16–22; 1 Pet. 2: 11–19.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 8 *min.*				
Sunday	12 Meletius	John 13: 14:	2 21	♎ 29	☿ rises 2 55	4	4 56	7 4	9 36
Monday	13 Servatius	" 15:	2 46	♎ 12	☽ in per. Antares so. 1 2	4	4 55	7 5	10 37
Tuesday	14 Pachomius	" 16: 17:	3 8	♎ 26	♄ sets 10 25	4	4 54	7 6	11 34
Wednesday	15 Moses	" 18:	3 35	♏ 9	Orion sets 8 44	4	4 53	7 7	12 30
Thursday	16 Martyrs at L.	" 19:	☽ rises.	♏ 22	16th. ☐ ☌ ☉	4	4 52	7 8	1 26
Friday	17 Joachim of Flor.	" 20:	8 51	♐ 5	☿ in Aphelion	4	4 52	7 8	2 4
Saturday	18 80 Marts. under Val.	" 21:	9 46	♐ 17	♄ rises 2 38	4	4 51	7 9	2 45
20]	*4th Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 20 *min.*				
Sunday	19 Alcuin	Heb. 1: 2:	10 30	♑ 0	☿ stationary ☋	4	4 50	7 10	3 37
Monday	20 Val. Herberger	" 3: 4:	11 4	♑ 12	☿ rises 2 44	4	4 49	7 11	4 25
Tuesday	21 Constantine	" 5: 6:	11 40	♑ 24	♂ ☽ ♃. ☉ enters ♊	4	4 48	7 12	5 5
Wednesday	22 Castus & Aemil.	" 7:	morn.	♒ 6	♃ rises 11 59	4	4 47	7 13	5 46
Thursday	23 Jerome Savanor	" 8:	12 31	♒ 17	23d. ☊ 7* sets 7 6	4	4 46	7 14	6 32
Friday	24 Augustine Cazal	" 9:	12 58	♒ 29	♄ sets 10 20	3	4 46	7 14	7 24
Saturday	25 Augustine	" 10:	1 24	♓ 11	♃ stationary	3	4 45	7 15	8 26
21]	*5th Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 32 *min.*				
Sunday	26 Beda Venerabilis	Heb. 11:	1 46	♓ 23	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♄	3	4 44	7 16	9 30
Monday	27 John Calvin	" 12:	2 14	♈ 6	♄ rises 2 12	3	4 43	7 17	10 34
Tuesday	28 Lanfranc	" 13:	2 52	♈ 19	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ rises 2 36	3	4 43	7 17	11 25
Wednesday	29 David Zeisberger	John 14:	3 16	♉ 2	♃ rises 11 30	3	4 42	7 18	12 10
Thursday	30 *Ascension Day*	Col. 2:	3 39	♉ 16	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ in Aphelion	3	4 41	7 19	12 45
Friday	31 Joac'm Neander	John 15:	☽ sets	♊ 0	31st. Arctur south 9 37	3	4 41	7 19	1 29

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	2d,	7	o'clock, 49 min.,	morning.
First Quarter,	9th,	5	" 31 "	afternoon.
Full Moon,	16th,	9	" 30 "	forenoon.
Last Quarter,	23d,	8	" 40 "	morning.
New Moon,	31st,	8	" 46 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, thunder; 8, 9, cloudy; 10, 11, 12, fair, warm; 13, rain; 14, 15, clear, cool; 16, frost; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, thunder; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, showers; 29, 30, 31, fair.

A CHAPTER OF HINTS.

1). "Getting religion"—yes, we get it; not in bulk, however, but by degrees. The Christian life is not merely a term of years, but a process of grace.

2). "It's a very good rule in all things in life,
When judging a friend or a brother,
Not to look at the question alone on one side,
But always to turn to the other."

3). When a stranger enters your church, always take him to a seat. He will not only feel at home then, but also likely come again.

4). When a strange minister preaches for you, fail not to take him by the hand after service. Especially is this the duty of officers. Many congregations, without meaning it, treat a visiting minister with unkind coolness. Most ministers have feelings like other people.

5). Some tolerably good people listen to a sermon as they do to the Declaration of Independence, not from real interest, but out of respect.

6). People often give the minister entirely too short notice to attend funerals. Especially if he is a young man, he needs time to make suitable preparation.

7). If children have not a positively Christian home, their catechization will likely fall far short of its proper end. The "nurture of the Lord" is before "admonition" (Eph. 6: 4), not only in time, but also as a divinely appointed order.

8). Do you know that it is good to give your minister an encouraging word sometimes? A little praise, once in a while, will brighten his face and lighten his heart. Do you know that his heart sometimes aches for just such a word?

9). Three things make up good behaviour in church: 1st, Silence. Talk at home, and on the way. 2d, Keep awake. Do your sleeping in bed. 3d, Take a devout part in all the services. Do not sit there as if you had no interest in what is going on.

10). It is a bad sign when men pay other dues first, and leave church-dues till the last. "If I have anything left" they say, as though they did not owe the Lord anything, or at least were in no hurry to pay Him. So the church goes begging.

11). Some members have great zeal for the interests of their congregation, but care nothing about the Church at large. Is this from ignorance, or is it selfishness? Such people should read the Church paper.

12). The church is the right place, and early is the right time, to have your children baptized. But some delay the baptism till the child is old enough to be unruly, or perhaps gets sick, and then have the baptism at home.

13). What a sad record some Christians make for themselves by absence from the Lord's table! An old elder, who died a few years ago, did not miss one Communion in forty-five years; and another, still living in Western Pennsylvania, who was confirmed in 1817, has not in all these sixty years, missed one Communion. What a comfort to themselves, and what an example to others!

JUNE, *6th Month, 30 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	John 16:	9 18	♍ 15	♀ rises 2 30 ☋	3	4 40	7 20	2 18
22] *6th Sunday after Eas'er,*		John 15: 26–16: 1 Pet. 4: 8–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 40 *min.*				
Sunday	2 Pothinus	1 John 1:	9 54	♎ 29	☿ gr. elon. West ♈	2	4 40	7 20	3 18
Monday	3 Chlotilde	" 2:	10 36	♏ 15	♄ ☽ ♄ ♄ sets 10 15	2	4 39	7 21	3 48
Tuesday	4 Quirinus	" 3:	11 12	♏ 29	☿ rises 3 37	2	4 39	7 21	4 34
Wednesday	5 Boniface	" 4:	11 50	♐ 14	♄ rises 1 48	2	4 39	7 21	5 22
Thursday	6 Norbert	" 5:	morn.	♐ 28	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. s. ♌	2	4 38	7 22	6 10
Friday	7 Paul Gerhart	Joel 3:	12 11	♑ 12	7th. ♃ rises 11 8	2	4 38	7 22	6 51
Saturday	8 A. H. Francke	John 17:	12 36	♑ 26	Libra south 9 43	1	4 37	7 23	7 40
23] *Whit Sunday or Pentecost,*		John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 46 *min.*				
Sunday	9 *Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1–7	1 8	♒ 9	☽ in per. Spica south 8 9	1	4 37	7 23	8 34
Monday	10 *Whit Monday*	" 5:	1 32	♒ 23	Antares south 11 6	1	4 36	7 24	9 24
Tuesday	11 Barnabas	Romans 12:	2 2	♓ 6	♀ rises 2 22	1	4 36	7 24	10 24
Wednesday	12 *Emberday*	1 Cor. 13:	2 32	♓ 19	♃ rises 10 40	1	4 36	7 24	11 24
Thursday	13 Isaac Le Febre	Rom. 6: 19–7:	3 1	♈ 1	♄ rises 1 18	0	4 35	7 25	12 23
Friday	14 Basil	" 8:	☽ rises.	♈ 14	14th. ♁ sets 10 1	sun	4 35	7 25	1 22
Saturday	15 W. Wilberforce	2 Cor. 5:	8 46	♈ 26	Alt. south 12 9 ☋	s'rise	4 35	7 25	2 12
24] *Trinity Sunday,*		John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	16 Richard Baxter	Acts 1: 2:	9 24	♉ 8	Libræ south 9 2	0	4 35	7 25	2 48
Monday	17 John Tauler	" 3:	9 59	♉ 20	♀ rises 2 16	1	4 35	7 25	3 32
Tuesday	18 Pamphilus	" 4:	10 24	♊ 2	♁ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 10 10	1	4 35	7 25	4 14
Wednesday	19 Council at Nice	" 5:	10 50	♊ 14	Antares south 10 31	1	4 35	7 25	4 46
Thursday	20 27 Martyrs	" 6:	11 16	♊ 26	♌. ♄ rises 12 40	1	4 35	7 25	5 41
Friday	21 Matth. Claudius	" 7:	11 36	♋ 8	☉ enters ♋. Longest Day.	1	4 34	7 26	6 19
Saturday	22 Gottschalk	" 8:	11 58	♋ 20	22d. ♁ ☽ ♄. ☽ in apo sum c	1	4 35	7 25	7 9
25] *1st Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 16: 19–21; 1 John 4: 7–21.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	23 Gottfried Arnold	1 Pet. 2: 1–10	morn.	♋ 2	♄ sets 9 48	2	4 35	7 25	7 49
Monday	24 John Baptist	Acts 10:	12 19	♋ 14	□ ♄ ☉. Reg. sets 10 29	2	4 35	7 25	8 30
Tuesday	25 Augsburg Conf.	" 11:	12 49	♋ 26	Wega south 12 17	2	4 35	7 25	9 12
Wednesday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	" 12:	1 30	♌ 10	♁ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2	4 35	7 25	9 54
Thursday	27 Seven Sleepers	1 Pet. 2: 11-3: 1-17	2 20	♌ 24	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 2 14	3	4 35	7 25	10 48
Friday	28 Irenæus	" 3: 18-4: 16	2 51	♍ 8	♃ rises 9 30	3	4 35	7 25	11 41
Saturday	29 Peter and Paul	" 4: 17-5:	3 16	♍ 23	♂ ☽ ☿. ♄ rises 12 12 ♈	3	4 36	7 24	12 36
26] *2d Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–24.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 48 *min.*				
Sunday	30 Raymond Lully	James 1:	☽ sets	♎ 8	30th. ☿ in Perihelion	3	4 36	7 24	1 31

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 10 o'clock, 52 min., evening.
Full Moon, 14th, 6 " 40 " "
Last Quarter, 22d, 7 " 15 " "
New Moon, 30th, 7 " 28 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, thunder; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, warm; 9, thunder; 10, 11, 12, pleasant; 13, 14, fair; 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, showers; 25, 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, showers.

"A life on the ocean wave,
A home on the rolling deep."

"So people may sing," said Mary, "but give me a boat-ride on the old mill-dam, or, at furthest, on the smooth creek that runs through uncle's farm. No great waves, no sea-sickness there, and less danger, with beautiful water lilies all around."

EXPERIMENTAL RELIGION.

Of course we believe in it; and if you could hear our ministers exhort their catechumens and people to repentance, faith, and godly living, you would not doubt the fact.

What is more far-reaching than our confirmation vows? What is more searching than our preparatory service, with its solemn address, confession, and petitions?

Any one who thinks that the Reformed Church does not believe and teach that religion is experimental,—well, he had better ask some of our members.

ELDERS AND DEACONS.

The office which our Saviour committed to the apostles (Matt. xxviii. 19, 20), widened as the Church grew and her wants multiplied, so that first deacons were added (Acts vi. 3–6), and afterward elders, to meet the temporal and spiritual wants of the Church.

This office has come down to us in its threefold form—pastor, elder, and deacon.

The fact that elders and deacons are actually a part of the ministry, is too commonly overlooked, and the oversight works evil, because too little stress is then laid on the fitness of the man (Acts vi. 3), and he again is likely to under-estimate his office, which then easily leads to the neglect of its duties.

Elders and deacons should take their vows of office with great sincerity of heart and earnestness of purpose, fully resolved to do *all* the duties of their office. It is not enough to do the easy and pleasant duties.

It is easy for the elder to take part in receiving persons into membership; but it is very painful to lay the rod of correction (admonition, suspension, excommunication) upon those whose good demands it—perhaps his own child, or other near relative, an old neighbor, or a profitable customer in business.

It is easy for the deacon to be an usher, and pleasant to lift the alms; but to attend meetings of the Consistory, watch the finances, dun slow payers, bear insults with patience, manage the business of the congregation, and help to decide delicate questions and difficult cases—all this is neither easy nor pleasant, but yet it is included in the oath of office.

Therefore elders and deacons must faithfully do the unpleasant as well as the pleasant duties of their office, or else one of two things will happen—either the interests of the congregation will suffer, or else the burden of work and responsibility will be pushed upon innocent shoulders.

Then, too, elders and deacons, in business life and in social life, should never forget that they are church officers, ministers of Christ, and therefore bound by the most sacred obligations to be good men, humble, consistent, and pure.

FORMALITY is not the use of forms, but their empty use.

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 H. Voes	2 Pet. 1:12-2:3:	8 54	♌ 23	♀ rises 2 7 ♋	3 4	3 6 7	24	2 20
Tuesday	2 Visit V. M.	James 2:	9 29	♌ 8	☉ in Apogee ♂ ☽ ♄	4 4	3 6 7	24	3 10
Wednesday	3 Otto, Bishop	" 3:	9 59	♌ 23	♍. ♄ sets 9 29	4 4	3 7 7	23	3 54
Thursday	4 *Independence*	" 4:	10 24	♍ 8	☽ in per. ♂ ☿ ☉ Super'r	4 4	3 7 7	23	4 46
Friday	5 Lord Cobham	" 5:	10 48	♎ 22	♄ rises 11 40	4 4	3 7 7	23	5 34
Saturday	6 John Huss	Jude	11 10	♎ 6	Regulus sets 9 32	4 4	3 8 7	22	6 22

27] *3d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Pet. 5: 6–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 44 *min.*

Sunday	7 Willabald	Acts 13:	11 49	♎ 19	7th. ♃ rises 8 54	4 4	3 8 7	22	7 11
Monday	8 Kilian	" 13: 1–12	morn.	♏ 3	Altair south 12 34	5 4	3 9 7	21	7 57
Tuesday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 14: 13–52	12 5	♏ 16	Spica sets 11 33	5 4	3 9 7	21	8 45
Wednesday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 15:	12 40	♏ 28	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	5 4	4 0 7	20	9 32
Thursday	11 Placedus	" 16:	1 19	♐ 11	♀ rises 2 6	5 4	4 0 7	20	10 33
Friday	12 Henry II.	" 17:	2 6	♐ 23	♄ rises 11 10	5 4	4 1 7	19	11 34
Saturday	13 Eugenius	" 17:15-18:11	2 59	♑ 5	Dog Days Begin ♋	5 4	4 1 7	19	12 35

28] *4th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 36 *min.*

Sunday	14 Bonaventura	1 Thess. 1:	☽ rise	♑ 17	14th. ♄ stationary	5 4	4 2 7	18	1 36
Monday	15 Answer	" 2: 1-16:	8 20	♑ 29	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 8 0	6 4	4 3 7	17	2 29
Tuesday	16 Anna Askow	" 2: 17-3:	8 45	♒ 11	♄ sets 8 50	6 4	4 3 7	17	3 15
Wednesday	17 Separatus & 11 co.	" 4:	9 6	♒ 22	♌. Andromeda rises 8 36	6 4	4 4 7	16	4 5
Thursday	18 Arnulf	" 5:	9 27	♓ 4	Wega south 11 41	6 4	4 5 7	15	4 50
Friday	19 Louisa Henrietta	2 " 1:2:1-12	9 49	♓ 16	♀ rises 2 10	6 4	4 6 7	14	5 36
Saturday	20 John Martheil	" 2: 13-3	10 14	♓ 28	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♄	6 4	4 6 7	14	6 24

29] *5th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Pet. 3: 8–15. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	21 Eberhard	Gala. 1: 1-10	10 37	♈ 10	♄ rises 10 36	6 4	4 7 7	13	7 10
Monday	22 Mary Magdalen	Acts 18:12; 19:1-10	10 59	♈ 23	22d. ☉ enters ♌	6 4	4 8 7	12	7 59
Tuesday	23 Godfr. v Hamelle	Gala. 1:11; 2:1-14	11 22	♉ 6	Altair south 11 32	6 4	4 9 7	11	8 44
Wednesday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 2:15; 3:1-14	11 56	♉ 19	Arctur sets 1 6	6 4	5 0 7	10	9 31
Thursday	25 St. James	" 3: 15	morn.	♊ 3	♂ ♃ ☉. ♃ south 11 59	6 4	5 0 7	10	10 20
Friday	26 Christopher	" 4:	12 39	♊ 17	Antares south 7 59	6 4	5 1 7	9	10 59
Saturday	27 Raym Palmarius	" 5: 6:	1 45	♋ 1	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 2 12 ♌	6 4	5 2 7	8	11 46

30] *6th Sunday after Trinity,* Matth. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 14 *min.*

Sunday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	1 Cor. 1:	2 57	♋ 16	♄ rises 10 0	6 4	5 3 7	7	12 37
Monday	29 Olaus	" 2:	☽ sets	♌ 2	29th. ☉ eclipsed visible ♌	6 4	5 4 7	6	1 28
Tuesday	30 John Wessel	" 3: 4:1-4	7 48	♌ 17	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 8 10	6 4	5 5 7	5	2 18
Wednesday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 4:5-5:1-8	8 18	♍ 2	♂ in Aphelion	6 4	5 6 7	4	3 6

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	7th,	3	o'clock,	19	min., morning.
Full Moon,	14th,	2	"	52	" "
Last Quarter,	22d,	7	"	15	" "
New Moon,	29th,	4	"	40	" afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, 5, warmest days; 6, 7, thunder showers; 8, 9, pleasant; 10, 11, 12, warm; 13, 14, showers; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, thunder; 22, 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, thunder showers; 30, 31, fair.

(♃). Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun, the 25th of this month, nearest to the earth, and shines all night.

The town has its attractions; but more delightful is the calm country, with its shady lanes, green fields, blooming orchards, fragrant clover, ripening grain, and above all, its quiet manner of life. Happy ye, who free from the noise, excitement, and heat of the city, spend your days in the cool, quiet, healthful country.

CATECHIZATION.

We are brought to conviction and conversion largely by the preaching of the gospel.

Just this fact shows the force and meaning of Catechization, which indeed is the old form of preaching, at least essentially, as in part the means for bringing men to repentance, faith, and obedience.

And our faith in catechization is grounded in the fact which experience and observation have taught us, namely, that that repentance, faith, and obedience is the best, safest, deepest, and most enduring which is the work of time, the fruit of teaching and training running through years.

STANDING AND KNEELING IN PRAYER.

Kneeling is the posture of humiliation, contrition, and confession, and so belongs to the more solemn services of the Church (fast-days, preparatory service, passion week, etc.); also it belongs to private prayer.

Standing is the posture of joy, confidence, and general petition. Standing was the common posture in Jewish prayer (Luke 18: 11–13).

Prostration, or bowing down to the earth, is also mentioned in the Scriptures (Josh. 7: 6; 1 Kg. 18: 42; Matt. 26: 39).

But sitting—the modern, bad, irreverent, and growing habit of sitting during prayer—was not known, much less allowed. This is the position of rest, ease, and idleness, not of earnest pleading with God. Neh. 8: 6 is sometimes quoted, or rather misquoted in its favor. Those people, however, were not sitting, but standing; and this bowing was not leaning the head forward on a pew-back, cushioned with a jeweled hand or a perfumed handkerchief, but the low bowing of the whole body—so common in the East even now—"with their faces to the ground."

A right posture in prayer is no small matter, for God appointed it. A beggar at the door, or a friend in the parlor, may charm or disgust you with his manners. Improper posture in prayer—though few think of it—is just so much against your religious life, quietly reacting upon you and doing you hurt. The outward form is not a small thing.

A GOOD OLD PLAN.

When about to build or repair a church or parsonage, do as the Hebrews did in building the Tabernacle (Ex. xxxvi. 5–7), and as good King Josiah did in repairing the Temple (2 Kg. xxii. 4–6)—namely, gather the money before the work is begun.

Any good business man can tell you a dozen reasons why this plan is wise and safe.

☞ "A SHEEP may fall into the mire as well as a swine," says a quaint writer; "but a sheep dreads the fall, and quickly rises from it, while the swine, loving uncleanness, lies there."

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday 1	Maccabees	1 Cor. 5: 9–6:	8 43	♌ 17	☽ in per. ♀ rises 2 26 ♋	6	4 57	7 3	3 49
Friday 2	Mart.under Nero	" 7:	9 8	♍ 1	□ Neptune ☉. ☿ in ♌	6	4 58	7 2	4 35
Saturday 3	Wm. Thorp	" 8: 9:	9 35	♍ 15	♄ rises 9 42	6	4 59	7 1	5 22

31] *7th Sunday after Trinity,* Mark 8 : 1–9 ; Rom. 6 : 19–23. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 0 *min.*

Sunday 4	Leonard Käser	1 Cor. 10: 11–1	10 2	♍ 29	♁ sets 7 58	6	5 0	7 0	6 12
Monday 5	Salzb'g Evang.	" 11: 2	10 34	♎ 12	5th. ♃ south 11 22	6	5 1	6 59	7 4
Tuesday 6	Transfiguration	" 12: 1–30	11 13	♎ 25	Sirius rises 4 29	6	5 2	6 58	7 59
Wednesday 7	Nonna	" 12: 31-13	morn.	♏ 8	Orion rises 2 14	5	5 3	6 57	8 42
Thursday 8	Hormisdas	" 14:	12 10	♏ 20	Spica sets 9 29	5	5 4	6 56	9 31
Friday 9	Numidicus	" 15: 1–34	1 20	♐ 2	♄ rises 9 0 ♑	5	5 5	6 55	10 27
Saturday 10	Laurentius	" 15: 35-16	2 38	♐ 14	♀ rises 2 34	5	5 6	6 54	11 26

32] *8th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt 7 : 15–21 ; Rom. 8 : 12–17. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday 11	Greg. of Utrecht	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	3 50	♐ 26	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 11 2	5	5 7	6 53	12 25
Monday 12	An of Havelberg	2 Cor. 1: 1–22	☽ rise	♑ 8	12th. ☽ eclipsed, visible ♋	5	5 8	6 52	1 24
Tuesday 13	C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 1: 23–2	7 30	♑ 20	☿ in Aphelion. ☿ gr. Elong E.	5	5 9	6 51	1 56
Wednesday 14	James Guthrie	" 3: 4: 1-6	7 50	♑ 1	☿ sets 7 41	4	5 10	6 50	2 46
Thursday 15	Virgin Mary	" 4: 7-5: 10	8 12	♒ 13	Antares sets 11 5	4	5 12	6 48	3 33
Friday 16	John of Saxony	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	8 34	♒ 25	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♄	4	5 13	6 47	4 21
Saturday 17	John Gerhard	" 7: 2	8 58	♓ 7	♄ rises 8 30	4	5 14	6 46	5 59

33] *9th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 16 : 1–9 ; 1 Cor. 10 : 1–13. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 30 *min.*

Sunday 18	Hugo Grotius	2 Cor. 8:	9 27	♓ 20	♀ rises 2 46	4	5 15	6 45	6 41
Monday 19	Sebaldus	" 9:	9 57	♈ 2	♃ south 10 40	3	5 16	6 44	7 30
Tuesday 20	Bernard of Clair.	" 10:	10 41	♈ 15	20th. Spica sets 8 44	3	5 17	6 43	8 11
Wednesday 21	1st Morv. Mission	" 11:	11 36	♈ 28	Wega south 8 30	3	5 18	6 42	8 49
Thursday 22	Symphorianus	" 12: 1–18	morn.	♉ 12	Procyon rises 3 9	3	5 20	6 40	9 34
Friday 23	Gasp. de Coligne	" 12: 19-13:	12 38	♉ 26	○ enters ♍ ♋	2	5 21	6 39	10 16
Saturday 24	Bartholomew	Acts 20: 1–13	1 40	♊ 10	Dog Days End	2	5 22	6 38	10 57

34] *10th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 19 : 41–47 ; 1 Cor. 12 : 1–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 14 *min.*

Sunday 25	Louis IX.	Rom. 1: 1–17	2 36	♊ 25	♄ rises 7 46	2	5 23	6 37	11 34
Monday 26	Ulfilas	" 1: 18-31	3 29	♋ 10	♂ ☽ ♀. ♁ rises 3 1	2	5 25	6 35	12 14
Tuesday 27	Jovinian	" 2:	4 25	♋ 25	☿ stationary ♍	1	5 26	6 34	12 58
Wednesday 28	Aug. of Hippo	" 3:	☽ sets	♌ 10	28th. ♂ ☽ ♁	1	5 27	6 33	1 36
Thursday 29	St. John Bapt.	" 4:	7 22	♌ 25	☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ☿	1	5 28	6 32	2 24
Friday 30	Claud of Turin	" 5: 1–11	7 48	♍ 10	♃ south 10 4	1	5 29	6 31	3 12
Saturday 31	Aidan	" 5: 12-21	8 26	♍ 25	Sirius rises 3 0	0	5 30	6 30	4 5

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 5th, 8 o'clock, 18 min. morning.
Full Moon, 12th, 7 " 15 " evening.
Last Quarter, 20th, 11 " 6 " "
New Moon, 28th, 12 " 12 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm; 3, showers; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, pleasant; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, showers; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, fair.

"Praise God for the ingathered harvest," says the Christian farmer, as the last load of grain leaves the field. He sees God's hand in it all. God made the seed, and caused it to grow, and watered it with rain, and shaded it with clouds, and ripened it with sunlight, and also enabled us to reap the rich harvest and gather it into barns. "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness" (Ps. 65: 11).

TOBACCO IN CHURCH.

Reverence for God's house forbids the defilement of it with tobacco or any other filth. What pools are often seen upon the floor! What ugly streaks upon the wall! How disgusting and unbecoming even spittoons are in this holy place! Who would think of smoking during service? Yet many, without a thought, greedily chew in church, and besmear God's house with dirty spittle. Can you not deny yourself even an hour out of reverence for the temple of God?

IS THIS THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST?

What a world of meaning there is in Paul's exhortation (Phil. 2: 5), "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"! With it compare the following facts:

1). Some people will not work in church matters, unless you give them such or such positions (of ease, honor, preference, etc.) as they selfishly desire. Is this the mind of Christ Jesus?

2). Some people will not agree to the doing of anything, unless they are first consulted. When that is done they are ready for anything that is reasonable; but without this, they will even oppose you and make trouble. Is this the mind of Christ Jesus?

3). Some people who are in the work will not stay there unless you let them do as they please. You dare not even make a suggestion. Their way is best, and you soon hear them say, "Get some one else to do it!" This may be hard to do, and they know it, and therefore all the more defiantly challenge you. For various reasons, indeed, you may be obliged to bear their bitter treatment; but is this the mind of Christ Jesus? Thus, in various ways, congregations and Sunday-schools are really weak and crippled, because so many workers have not a right mind. Pride, prejudice, indolence, stubbornness, conceit, ignorance—these are terrible powers of evil in the church, because utterly opposed to the mind of Christ Jesus. For this mind let us pray.

IT IS A DUTY.

Often at the yearly election for officers, men having the very best fitness refuse to bear office.

Such persons should remember two things,—1) What the Catechism says (55), of the Communion of Saints: "Every one must know it to be his duty readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts for the advantage and salvation of other members." 2) The call of the congregation is truly the call of God. "Look *ye* out among you seven men" (Acts 6: 3), said the Apostles.

☞ Wanting to have other people's religious experiences is like wanting to wear another man's clothes. They do not fit you.

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
35]	*11th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 56 min.*				
Sunday	1 Hanna	Rom. 6:	8 58	8 ♌	☿ rises 3 24 ♎	0	5 32	6 28	4 49
Monday	2 Mamas	" 7:	9 23	21 ♌	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	0	5 33	6 27	5 34
Tuesday	3 Hildegarde	" 8: 1–15	9 58	4 ♍	3d. ♄ rises 7 10	1	5 35	6 25	6 25
Wednesday	4 Ida	" 8: 16–39	10 48	17 ♍	Spica sets 7 49	1	5 36	6 24	7 16
Thursday	5 John Mollio	" 9: 1–13	11 44	29 ♍	Aldebaran rises 10 36 ♉	1	5 37	6 23	8 8
Friday	6 Martin Weibel	" 9: 14–33	morn.	11 ♎	Sirius rises 2 37	2	5 39	6 21	8 54
Saturday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 10:	12 50	23 ♎	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 9 30	2	5 40	6 20	9 42
36]	*12th Sunday after Trinity,*	Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 38 min.*				
Sunday	8 Corbinian	Rom. 11:	1 58	5 ♏	Orion rises 12 12	2	5 41	6 19	10 34
Monday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 12:	3 4	17 ♏	♌. ☿ rises 3 41	3	5 42	6 18	11 30
Tuesday	10 Paul Separatus	" 13:	4 14	29 ♏	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior	3	5 44	6 16	12 26
Wednesday	11 John Brenz	" 14:	☽ rise	10 ♐	11th. ♄ rises 6 19	3	5 45	6 15	1 22
Thursday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	" 15: 1–13	6 56	22 ♐	☽ ♂ ☽ ♄. ♂ ☌ ☿	4	5 46	6 14	2 11
Friday	13 Wm. Farel	" 15: 14–33	7 29	4 ♑	☽ in apo. 7* rises 8 50	4	5 48	6 12	3 6
Saturday	14 Cyprian	" 16:	7 57	17 ♑	Andromeda south 12 30	4	5 49	6 11	3 49
37]	*13th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 16–22.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 18 min.*				
Sunday	15 Av. v. Grumb'h	Acts 20:	8 28	29 ♑	♃ south 8 58	5	5 51	6 9	4 37
Monday	16 Euphemia	" 21:	8 56	12 ♒	Antares sets 9 8	5	5 53	6 7	5 24
Tuesday	17 Lambert	" 22: 23:	9 46	25 ♒	☿ rises 4 1	5	5 55	6 5	6 10
Wednesday	18 *Ember Day*	" 24: 25:	10 30	9 ♓	♂ ♁ ☉	6	5 56	6 4	7 4
Thursday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 26:	11 20	22 ♓	19. ☿ stationary	6	5 57	6 3	7 42
Friday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 27:	11 59	6 ♈	Pollux rises 11 58 ♌	7	5 58	6 2	8 31
Saturday	21 Matthew	" 28:	morn.	20 ♈	Altair south 7 48	7	5 59	6 1	9 20
38]	*14th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 0 min.*				
Sunday	22 Mauritius	Eph. 1: 1–14	1 15	4 ♉	♍. ☌ ♄ ☉. ☉ enters ♎ D. & N. equal.	7	6 0	6 0	10 6
Monday	23 Mart. of Genoa	" 1:15; 2: 1-10	2 29	19 ♉	Autumn com. ♃ sta.	8	6 1	5 59	10 52
Tuesday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 2: 11–3	3 40	4 ♊	☿ rises 5 10	8	6 3	5 57	11 40
Wednesday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 4: 1–17	4 43	19 ♊	☽ ♂ ☿ ☿. ☿ gr. elon. W	8	6 4	5 56	12 34
Thursday	26 Lioba	" 4: 18	☽ sets	3 ♋	26th. ☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ♂	9	6 5	5 55	1 26
Friday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 5: 6: 1-9	6 20	18 ♋	☿ rises 4 28	9	6 6	5 54	2 13
Saturday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 6: 10	6 57	3 ♌	♄ south 11 56	9	6 7	5 54	3 4
39]	*15th Sunday after Trinity,*	Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10.			*Day's Length, 11 hours, 44 min.*				
Sunday	29 St. Michael	Colos. 1:	7 28	16 ♌	♃ south 8 2	10	6 8	5 52	3 48
Monday	30 Jerome	" 2: 3: 1-4	8 6	29 ♌	Fomal south 10 24	10	6 10	5 50	4 34

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 3d, 3 o'clock, 24 min., afternoon.
Full Moon, 11th, 10 " 48 " forenoon.
Last Quarter, 19th, 1 " 28 " afternoon.
New Moon, 26th, 9 " 8 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, 12, showers; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, warm; 26, 27, stormy; 28, 29, 30, fair.

(♂) Mars is in conjunction with the Sun the 18th of this month, and cannot be seen.
(♄) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 22d of this month, and shines all night.

CLEAR YOUR CHURCH RECORDS.

This is very important. Many a church roll is a queer list. Here are names of members,—*dead*, two or perhaps ten years, and yet no note of the fact; *moved away*, so long ago they are almost forgotten, but never dismissed; *suspended*, five or perhaps twenty years ago, and never restored; *gone to other denominations*, but not so marked; *lost good standing* while absent, and so neither disciplined nor dismissed, but carried along from year to year—what a miserable jumble!

In case a new pastor takes up the roll, it is a puzzle both to him and likely to his officers. When any difficulty arises, and the voting is close, who can tell who is really entitled to a vote? And when the statistics of that church are to be made out, who is to be counted as a member?

Clear your church record. Do so every year or two, and the work is easy; but wait ten years, and the gathered rubbish frightens one.

THAT WAS THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

The son of a Reformed Elder, a poor man in Western Pennsylvania, soon after his confirmation said, "Father, I want to subscribe toward our pastor's salary."

"Very well. How much can you pay?"

"If you will give me a small patch of ground to work, I can pay five dollars."

The ground was given, and the boy with his own hands worked it. When this crop of corn, potatoes, and cabbage was marketed, it brought him fifteen dollars!

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. x. 22).

This boy helped the congregation, as every member should try to do, and bought himself a suit of clothes besides!

That was the right spirit. Such catechumens make useful members, and are a great comfort to the pastor.

IS IT FAIR?

Congregations without a pastor commonly ask the visiting minister or supply, "What are your expenses?" That is, what has he paid out to get there?

If he came by car or coach, he names the fare, and it is paid; but if by his own conveyance, or even afoot, he meekly answers, "I had no expenses," and the good people are glad; for now they need not pay him anything.

In either case he must lose his time, risk his life, often be at serious inconvenience, and give his service *free*.

Is this right? Should not congregations make this bad habit a matter of conscience? Is it common honesty? Has a vacant congregation any right to the free service of a visiting minister? If the system of supplies were not so cheap, financially, likely such charges would be more anxious to get a pastor.

"DIOTREPHES loveth to have the pre-eminence among them" (3 John 9). He likes to be a leader and a ruler, not for the glory of God, but for the glory of Diotrephes. He does much harm and is hard to manage.

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs.	Sun rises. m. h.	Sun Sets. m. h.	HIGH WATER. Phila. m. h.	m.
Tuesday	1	Remigius	Col. 3: 5–4	8 59	12	♀ rises 4 41	♎	10 6	11 5	49 5	21
Wednesday	2	Chr. Schmid	Philemon	9 48	25	Sirius rises 1 6	♒	11 6	12 5	48 6	12
Thursday	3	The two Ewaldes	Philip. 1: 1–26	10 47	7	3d. Rigel rises 10 3	♒	11 6	13 5	47 6	52
Friday	4	Franciscus	" 1: 27–2:	11 49	19	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ sets 11 29		11 6	15 5	45 7	41
Saturday	5	Petro Carnesec	" 3: 4:	morn.	1	Altair south 6 59		12 6	16 5	44 8	30

40] *16th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	6	Henry Albert	1 Tim. 1:	12 51	13	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	12 6	17 5	43	9	22
Monday	7	Theodore Beza	" 2:	1 52	25	♌. Rigel rises 9 49	12 6	19 5	41	10	12
Tuesday	8	Robt. of Lincoln	" 3:	2 53	7	7* rises 7 17	12 6	20 5	40	10	54
Wednesday	9	Dionysius Areo.	" 3: 14–4: 10	3 54	19	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 11 11	13 6	21 5	39	11	42
Thursday	10	Justus Jonas	" 4: 11–5: 16	4 55	1	☽ in apo.	13 6	23 5	37	12	38
Friday	11	Ulrich Zwingli	" 5: 17	☽ rises.	13	11th. Orion rises 10 14	13 6	24 5	36	1	33
Saturday	12	Henry Bullinger	" 6:	6 10	26	♂ ☿ ♉. ♀ rises 10 14	13 6	25 5	35	2	20

41] *17th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–6. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 6 *min.*

Sunday	13	Elizabeth Fry	Titus 1:	6 35	9	☿ sets 10 59	14 6	27 5	33	3	4
Monday	14	Nich. Ridley	" 2:	6 59	22	Fomal south 9 32	14 6	28 5	32	3	48
Tuesday	15	Aurelia	" 3:	7 30	5	Marcab south 9 37	14 6	29 5	31	4	36
Wednesday	16	Gallus	2 Tim. 1:	8 24	19	Sirius rises 12 12	14 6	30 5	30	5	24
Thursday	17	Rv. Edict of Nan.	" 2:	9 39	3	Aldebaran rises 8 3	♎	15 6	32 5	28	6	10
Friday	18	St. Luke, Ev.	" 3:	10 56	17	♄ south 10 40	15 6	33 5	27	7	6
Saturday	19	Bruno	" 4:	morn.	0	☾ 19th. ♀ rises 5 29	15 6	34 5	26	8	2

42] *18th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 22: 34–46: 1 Cor. 1: 4–9. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	20	F. Lamb't of Avi.	Heb. 1:	12 12	15	♐. Antares sets 7 19	15 6	35 5	25	8	52
Monday	21	Hilarion	" 2:	1 26	29	♂ ♀ ♄. □ ♅ ☉	15 6	37 5	23	9	41
Tuesday	22	Hedwig	" 3: 4:	2 46	14	♅ sets 10 30	15 6	38 5	22	10	35
Wednesday	23	Henry Martin.	" 5:	3 49	28	☉ enters ♏	16 6	39 5	21	11	30
Thursday	24	Arethas	" 6:	4 59	12	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior [♀ ☿	16 6	41 5	19	12	25
Friday	25	John Herz	" 7:	☽ sets	26	25th. ☽ in per. ♂ ♄	16 6	42 5	18	1	19
Saturday	26	Frederick III.	" 8:	5 35	10	♀ rises 5 49	16 6	43 5	17	1	57

43] *19th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 32 *min.*

Sunday	27	Frumentius	Heb. 9: 1–14	6 12	24	♄ south 10 0	16 6	44 5	16	2	45
Monday	28	Simon and Jude	" 9: 15	6 48	7	Rigel rises 8 25	16 6	45 5	15	3	32
Tuesday	29	Alfred the Great	" 10: 1–18	7 42	20	☿ in ♍. Orion rises 9 8	16 6	47 5	13	4	16
Wednesday	30	Jacob Sturm	" 10: 19–39	8 46	3	Sirius rises 11 18	♒	16 6	48 5	12	5	8
Thursday	31	Fest. of Reform'n	" 11:	9 39	15	♂ ☽ ♅. ♅ sets 9 56		16 6	49 5	11	5	48

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	3d,	2	o'clock,	0	min., morning.
Full Moon,	11th,	3	"	52	" "
Last Quarter,	19th,	7	"	8	" "
New Moon,	25th,	5	"	56	" morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, 12, rain; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, pleasant, warm; 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, cold, rainy; 27, 28, 29, clear, cold; 30, 31, cloudy.

BE THOU MY GUIDE.

The morning bright, with rosy light,
Has waked me from my sleep;
Father, I own, Thy love alone
Thy little one doth keep.

All through the day, I humbly pray,
Be Thou my guard and guide;
My sins forgive, and let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side.

MORNING PRAYERS FOR THE YOUNG.

I.

Oh God, who givest Thy beloved sleep, Thou hast watched over me through the night, and my sleep hath been sweet unto me.

To Thee, with thanksgiving, will I now direct my prayer. Oh guide me with Thine eye, this day, and order my steps in Thy word, that I may walk before Thee aright. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation.

And this I beg for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

II.

Oh God our Saviour, who art rich in mercy unto all that call upon Thee, I give Thee humble and hearty thanks for Thy fatherly care over me through the night past, and for the many mercies of another day; for health and strength, for food and raiment, for home and friends, and for all the common blessings of life; but above all, I give Thee thanks for the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ to be my Saviour, and for the gift of the Holy Ghost to be my Sanctifier and Comforter.

Father of mercies, and God of all grace, be Thou the guide of my youth, and teach me to cleanse my way by taking heed unto Thy word.

Incline my heart by Thy Holy Spirit to live to Thee, walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all my days.

Holy Father, hear in heaven Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest forgive; for Thine infinite mercy and love in Christ Jesus, our only Lord and Saviour, to Whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

III.

Most merciful Father in heaven, I laid me down and slept, and have awaked; for Thou, Lord, hast kept me. I sing of Thy mercy in the morning, and praise Thy goodness.

Oh continue Thy loving-kindness unto me, that my soul may be joyful in Thee, the Lord.

Grant that Thy presence may ever go with me, and be Thou my strength. Make my heart sound in Thy statutes, and fill me with Thy fear all the day long.

Keep me from evil, and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.

I thank Thee for my only comfort in life and in death; that I am not my own, but with body and soul belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

Oh keep me from turning away from Thee. Preserve me in the hour of temptation, and let the shield of Thy help be over me. Grant that I may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, unto the stature of a perfect man in Him; so that serving Thee, without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life, I may finally come to Thy heavenly kingdom and glory, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1	All Saints	Heb. 12:	11 16	♐ 27	1st. ♀ rises 6 1 ♒	16	6 51	5 9	6 34
Saturday	2	Victorinus	" 13:	morn.	♑ 9	☊. Fomal south 8 16	16	6 52	5 8	7 20

44] *4th Sunday before Advent,* Matt. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 14 min.*

Sunday	3	Pirminus	Prov. 1: 2·	12 10	♑ 21	Orion rises 8 46	16	6 53	5 7	8 11
Monday	4	John A. Bengel	" 3:	1 11	♒ 3	Sirius rises 10 38	16	6 54	5 6	8 55
Tuesday	5	Hans Egede	" 4:	2 12	♒ 15	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 9 30	16	6 55	5 5	9 42
Wednesday	6	Gustav. Adolph's	" 5: 1–19	3 19	♒ 27	☽ in apo.	16	6 56	5 4	10 40
Thursday	7	Willibrord	" 6: 20–7	4 20	♓ 9	♃ sets 9 28	16	6 57	5 3	11 38
Friday	8	Willehad	" 8:	5 32	♓ 22	☿ in Aphelion	16	6 58	5 2	12 36
Saturday	9	John v. Staupitz	" 9:	☽ rise	♓ 5	9th. ♀ rises 6 19	16	6 59	5 1	1 34

45] *3d Sunday before Advent,* Matt. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 0 min.*

Sunday	10	Martin Luther	John 21: 1–23	5 44	♈ 18	7* south 12 38	16	7 0	5 0	2 22
Monday	11	Martin of Tours	1 John 1: 2:	6 36	♉ 2	♃ sets 9 10	16	7 1	4 59	3 12
Tuesday	12	Phil. de Mornay	" 3:	7 26	♉ 15	♄ south 9 2	16	7 2	4 58	4 6
Wednesday	13	Arcadius	" 4:	8 35	♉ 29	Wega sets 12 0 ♓	16	7 3	4 57	4 58
Thursday	14	Pet. Mart. Vern.	" 5:	9 48	♊ 13	Spica rises 4 33	15	7 4	4 56	5 35
Friday	15	John Kepler	2 John	10 36	♊ 27	Rigel rises 7 17	15	7 5	4 55	6 23
Saturday	16	Casp. Creuziger	3 John	11 20	♋ 11	♉. Aldebaran rises 6 5	15	7 6	4 54	7 13

46] *2d Sunday before Advent,* Matt. 25: 31–46; 2 Thess. 3: 1–10. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 46 min.*

Sunday	17	Bernward	Rev. 1:	morn.	♋ 26	17th. ☿ rises 6 42	15	7 7	4 53	8 8
Monday	18	Greg. Illuminat.	" 2:	12 12	♌ 10	♃ sets 8 55	15	7 8	4 52	8 58
Tuesday	19	Elizab. of Hesse	" 3:	1 24	♌ 24	Orion rises 7 40	14	7 9	4 51	9 42
Wednesday	20	John Williams	" 4: 5; 6:	2 37	♍ 8	♄ south 8 36	14	7 10	4 50	10 30
Thursday	21	Columbanus	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	3 48	♍ 22	☉ enters ♐	14	7 11	4 49	11 22
Friday	22	John Oecolampadius	" 9: 13-10; 11:	4 59	♎ 5	☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ rises 5 0	14	7 12	4 48	12 10
Saturday	23	Clemens Roman.	" 12: 13:	6 15	♎ 19	Andromeda south 8 5	13	7 12	4 48	12 50

47] *1st Sunday before Advent,* Matth. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3: 3–14. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 34 min.*

Sunday	24	John Knox	Rev. 14: 1-13	☽ sets	♏ 2	24th. ☽ ♂ ♀ ☿	13	7 13	4 47	1 35
Monday	25	Catharine	" 14: 14–20	5 36	♏ 15	7* south 11 43	13	7 14	4 46	2 25
Tuesday	26	Conrad	" 15:	6 33	♏ 28	□ ♓ ☉. ♄ south 8 6 ♒	13	7 15	4 45	3 14
Wednesday	27	Marg't Blaurer	" 16: 1–8	7 36	♐ 11	Sirius rises 9 32	12	7 16	4 44	4 4
Thursday	28	Alex. Roussel	" 16: 9–21	8 49	♐ 23	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 8 42	12	7 17	4 43	4 49
Friday	29	Satarinus	" 17:	9 59	♑ 5	♄ stationary	12	7 17	4 43	5 36
Saturday	30	St. Andrew	" 18:	11 18	♑ 17	☊. Arietis south 9 32	11	7 18	4 42	6 22

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st,	4	o'clock,	49	min., evening.
Full Moon,	9th,	9	"	32	" morning.
Last Quarter,	17th,	12	"	56	" afternoon,
New Moon,	24th,	4	"	8	" morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, moderate; 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, 19, 20, Indian summer; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, 24, rain; 25, 25, 27, fair; 28, cloudy; 29, 30, rain.

"THY KINGDOM COME."

In these words we pray for the coming of the kingdom of grace, that is, for the establishment and spread of the Christian Church in the world.

But we here pray also for the coming of Christ's kingdom of glory, that is, for the full perfection, revelation, and victory of the Church, which is possible of course only at the Second Coming of Christ; and toward this Second Coming every earnest Christian heart goes out in holy longing.

Thus the period from the day of Pentecost to this Second Coming is one great, joyful, hopeful Advent season.

LEARNING TO READ.

Some church members have never learned to read. They can read a daily paper, a fashion magazine, a political weekly, and even an occasional book of travel or history; but they have never learned to read the church paper. Of course they can read the words printed, but they are only the shell of thoughts and facts. They have never learned to feel interested in these thoughts and facts of church life and current history. To those who know and care but little what the church is doing, the church paper is a dry sheet. Its editorials, communications, announcements, and selections are for them much like the first nine chapters of First Chronicles.

"But what shall we do? How can we help it?" they ask.

Without a doubt a more earnest Christian life will do much to remedy the matter; but in any case you must *learn* to read the church paper. Read it regularly and carefully for several months, even as a task, even against your own will and taste, and surely you by that time will at least begin to want the paper.

Some people say, "We hardly get time to read the Bible;" but these would not in seventy years wear out a Bible by their own reading. The fact is, those read the Bible most who read the church paper most; and often the reverse is equally true.

Learn to read your church paper, and then you will see how many good things it has for you every week—warning just in time; comfort, just when you are a little down; and advice, just when you stand in doubt.

THINK OF THIS.

Our frontier line of immigration is eighteen hundred miles long, from the Gulf of Mexico to the British Possessions, and moves westward sixteen miles every year.

This adds to our missionary ground, every year, a territory as large as Pennsylvania!

Are we doing our part to cover this ground with missionary work?

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1878.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
48] *1st Sunday in Advent,*		Matt. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 11–14.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.*				
Sunday 1	Eligius	John 1: 1–14	morn.	♑ 29	1st. Sirius rises ☿ ☌ ☋	11 7	19 4	41	7 10
Monday 2	John Ruysbruck	Gen. 2: 4-25	12 8	♒ 11	♃ sets 8 32	10 7	19 4	41	7 59
Tuesday 3	Gerhard Groot	Matt. 19: 1-12	12 50	♒ 23	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 12 59	10 7	20 4	40	8 46
Wednesday 4	Gerh. v. Zutphen	Eph. 5: 22-33	1 48	♓ 5	☽ in apo.	10 7	21 4	39	9 34
Thursday 5	Crispin	1 Cor. 7:	2 46	♓ 17	☌ ☿ ☉ Superior	9 7	21 4	39	10 21
Friday 6	Nicholas	Gen. 3:	3 40	♈ 0	☿ in ♌. Fomal sets 10 5	9 7	22 4	38	11 9
Saturday 7	Paulus Odontius.	" 8: 15-9: 17	4 41	♈ 13	Orion rises 6 24	8 7	22 4	38	11 56
49] *2d Sunday in Advent,*		Luke 21: 25–33; Rom. 15: 4–13.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday 8	Mart. Rinkard	Acts 17: 15-34	5 45	♈ 26	☿ gr. Elon. East	8 7	23 4	37	12 40
Monday 9	Benj. Schmolk	Gen. 15:	☽ rise	♉ 10	9th. ☿ sets 5 28	7 7	23 4	37	1 26
Tuesday 10	Paul Eber	Deut. 5:	5 30	♉ 24	♁ rises 4 50	7 7	23 4	37	2 12
Wednesday 11	Hen. v. Zutphen	Exodus 12:	6 31	♊ 9	♃ sets 8 4	7 7	24 4	36	2 54
Thursday 12	Vicelin	Deut. 27:	7 36	♊ 24	♄ sets 12 37	6 7	24 4	36	3 41
Friday 13	Odilia	Romans 7:	8 47	♋ 8	♍. 7* south 10 16	6 7	24 4	36	4 30
Saturday 14	Dioscorus	Leviticus 16:	9 59	♋ 22	Spica rises 2 25	5 7	25 4	35	5 12
50] *3d Sunday in Advent,*		Matt. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday 15	Christiana	Is. 40: John 5:	11 11	♌ 6	Arietis south 8 27	5 7	25 4	35	5 54
Monday 16	Adelheid	1 Pet. 1: 3–12	morn.	♌ 21	16th, ☿ stationary	4 7	25 4	35	6 41
Tuesday 17	Sturm	2 Samuel 7:	12 22	♍ 5	♄ sets 12 11	4 7	25 4	35	7 13
Wednesday 18	*Ember Day*	Joel 3:	1 32	♍ 18	□ ♄ ☽. ☿ in ♍	3 7	25 4	35	8 34
Thursday 19	Clemens Alexandrinus	Jeremiah 23:	2 44	♎ 2	♃ sets 7 32	3 7	25 4	35	9 36
Friday 20	Abraham	" 31:	3 51	♎ 15	☽ in per. ♁ rises 4 40	2 7	25 4	35	10 46
Saturday 21	Thomas	Isa. 52: 13–53:	4 59	♎ 28	☌ ☽ ♁ . ☉ enters ♑ Shortest Day.	2 7	26 4	34	11 42
51] *4th Sunday in Advent,*		John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday 22	Hugh McKail	John 3: 23–36	6 19	♏ 11	Winter commences	1 7	25 4	35	12 34
Monday 23	Anna du Bourg	Isaiah 42:	☽ sets	♏ 24	23d. Wega sets ☿ ☌ ☋	1 7	25 4	35	1 23
Tuesday 24	Adam and Eve	" 11: 1–10	5 15	♐ 7	☽ ☌ ☿ ☿. ☌ ☿ ☿ sun	7	25 4	35	1 59
Wednesday 25	*Christmas*	Isa. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1	6 16	♐ 19	☌ ☿ ☉ Inferior sun's w	7	25 4	35	2 41
Thursday 26	Stephen	Psalm 2: & 110:	7 18	♑ 1	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 7 4	1 7	25 4	35	3 35
Friday 27	St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	8 23	♑ 13	♌. Orion south 11 21	1 7	25 4	35	4 20
Saturday 28	Innocents	" 49:	9 26	♑ 25	Wega sets 8 46	2 7	25 4	35	4 50
52] *Sunday after Christmas,*		Matt. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*				
Sunday 29	David	Rom. 8:	10 29	♒ 7	7* south 9 6	2 7	24 4	36	5 40
Monday 30	Christ'n of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	11 32	♒ 18	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 11 30	3 7	24 4	36	6 20
Tuesday 31	John Wiclif	Psa. 90: & 103:	morn.	♓ 0	31st. Sirius sets. 11 55	3 7	24 4	36	6 59

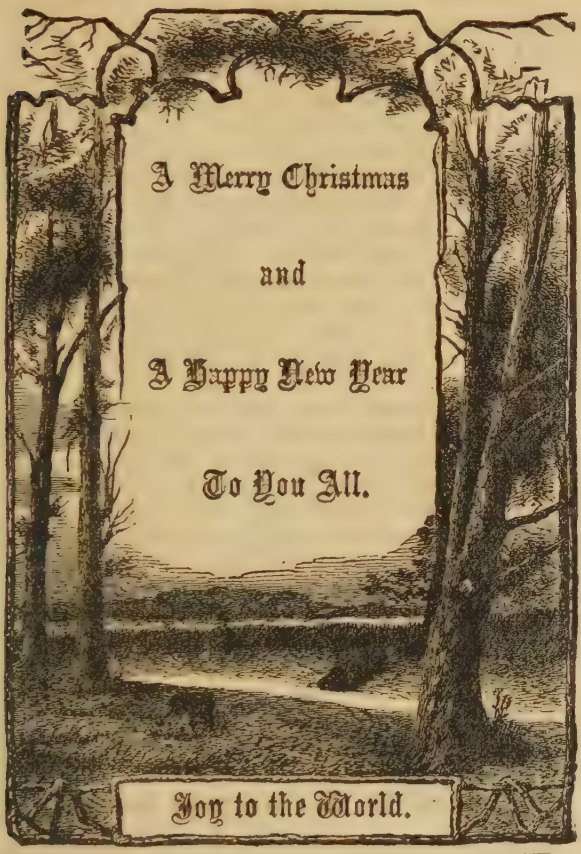
MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st, 11	o'clock, 36 min.	forenoon.
Full Moon,	9th, 2	" 48 "	afternoon.
Last Quarter,	16th, 10	" 2 "	evening.
New Moon,	23d, 4	" 22 "	"
First Quarter,	31st, 8	" 54 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear, cold; 4, 5, rain; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, rain and snow; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, 26, rainy; 27, 28, clear, cold; 29, 30, variable.

(☿). Venus is Superior conjunction with the Sun, the 5th of this month. Passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.



THE CHURCH IN THE HOUSE.

Paul (Rom. 16: 5; 1 Cor. 16: 19) speaks of the Church in the house. What a beautiful thought!

The early Christians had no churches, partly because they were too poor to build them, and partly because they dared not have them. But they worshiped in some private house, several families together, or a certain district. (So indeed it was in the Reformation, when the Protestants had to have secret places of worship.)

We now have churches for public worship; but every Christian family is the Lord's church in the house.

The father is priest, pastor, and head; and this Church should have its daily worship. How important that the newly married start out right with a positively Christian home!

Sometimes a single soul is the Lord's Church in the house—a Christian husband, wife, child, servant, or apprentice. In such case, what special need there is for faithfulness to this sacred trust, making the power of Christ to reach out to those around!

CHRISTMAS.

"Carols, and not mince-meat, make Christmas pies,
Mirth, and not dishes, sets a table off,
Brutes and phanaticks eat and never laugh."

Keeping this in mind, we can enter into the mirth of the old Knight whom Pasquil tells us about in 1609. The story is too good to be spoiled by a modern dress, and no one will quarrel with the quaint, old-fashioned diction.

"There was once an old knight, who being disposed to make himself merrie in a Christmas time, sent for many of his poor neighbours with their wives to dinner; when having made meat to be set on the table, would suffer no man to eat until he that was master of his wife should singe a carroll to the companie. Yet with much adoe, looking one upon another, after a dry hemme or two, a dreaming companion, drew out as much as hee durst towards an old dittie.

When having made an end to the great comfort of the beholders, at last it came to the woman's table, where likewise commandment was given that there should nothing be touched till she that was master of her husband had sung a Christmas carroll. Whereupon they fell *all* to such a singing that there was never heard such a catterwalling peece of musicke, whereat the knight laughed heartily, that it did him halfe as muche good as a corner of his Christmas pie."

WHAT A PITY AND A SHAME!

Many children in our families receive so little Christian instruction that they grow up very ignorant—not knowing whether they are Christians, Protestants, Jews, or Muggletonians; whether they are in the covenant or out of it; whether they belong to Christ or to the devil.

EVENING PRAYERS FOR THE YOUNG.

I.

Oh Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness. According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. And not only forgive my sins, but also grant me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may never walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

Into Thy hands I now commit my body and soul for this night; and when I awake may I be still with Thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and in Thy faithfulness answer me, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

II.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Show me Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant me Thy salvation. Though Thou art high, yet hast Thou respect unto the lowly.

In Thee, O God, have I trusted, for Thou art my God and Father in Christ Jesus. Bless me and keep me. Make Thy face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me. Lift up Thy countenance upon me, and give me peace.

Oh God, who keepest the feet of Thy saints, cause me to walk in a straight way, wherein I may not stumble, and hold up my goings in Thy paths that my footsteps slip not.

Sanctify me wholly, I beseech Thee, and grant that my whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take."

And this I ask for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

III.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through Him my God and my Father, to Thee do I lift up my soul in evening prayer.

Help me so to ask in the name of Christ that I may receive; so to seek that I may find; and so to knock that it may be opened unto me.

Help me to come before Thee, the infinite God, as becometh the creature of a day, and draw Thou nigh unto me as a God of mercy and grace.

I am truly sorry for the errors and sins of this day and of my past life. Merciful God, pardon my offences. Accept my penitence, and cause it to be more sincere and heartfelt.

Grant me grace, O Lord, to flee from all temptations that may assail me, and to overcome the power of sin in my own heart.

Enlighten my mind, quicken my spirit, confirm me in Thy grace, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Enable me not only to study Thy word, but also to treasure it up in my heart, and so become rooted and grounded in the knowledge and love of God.

Direct me always by the Holy Ghost, that I may turn away from sin, follow after holiness, and become strong in truth and goodness.

Most gracious God, continue Thy mercies toward me, I beseech Thee, according to all my need. Guide and control me in all my interests by Thy fatherly, powerful providence. Help me by Thy grace always so to live in Thy fear and favor, that finally I may be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

And this I beg for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS."

This hymn was written by Rev. John Fawcett, pastor of a small Baptist country church in England. He had received and accepted a call to a large church in London, and had preached his farewell sermon. His furniture and books were on the wagons, and the weeping congregation, men, women, and children, were gathered to say farewell.

Mrs. Fawcett, sitting on one of the boxes, weeping, looked up into her husband's face and said: "O John, John! I cannot bear this!"

"Nor I, either," said the good man, in tears; "nor will we go. Unload the wagons and put everything where it was before."

The people cried with joy. Then it was that he wrote the immortal hymn,—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

NOTE.—The Mercersburg Classis was organized at Mercersburg, Pa., November 12th, A. D. 1840.

	PLACE.	TIME.	PRESIDENT.
1st.	Funkstown.....Md.	May 18th, 1841.....	Rev. ALBERT HELFFENSTEIN.
2d.	Bedford..... Pa.	" 14th, 1842.....	" SAMUEL R. FISHER.
3d.	Waynesboro'..... "	" 20th, 1843.....	" JOHN REBAUGH.
4th.	Alexandria..... "	" 17th, 1844.....	" JOHN H. A. BOMBERGER.
5th.	Martinsburg..... "	" 16th, 1845.....	" JACOB ZIEGLER.
6th.	Bloody Run (now Everett)..... "	" 1st, 1846.....	" GEORGE W. WILLIARD.
7th.	Shippensburg..... "	" 7th, 1847.....	" SAMUEL H. REID.
8th.	Friends' Cove..... "	" 5th, 1848.....	" SAMUEL R. FISHER.
9th.	Greencastle..... "	" 4th, 1849.....	" JOHN W. NEVIN, D. D.
10th.	Schellsburg..... "	" 3d, 1850.....	" GEORGE W. GLESSNER.
11th.	St. Thomas..... "	" 16th, 1851.....	" FREDERICK A. RUPLEY.
12th.	Marklesburg..... "	" 7th, 1852.....	" JOHN REBAUGH.
13th.	Waynesboro'..... "	" 13th, 1853.....	" HENRY WAGNER.
14th.	Bedford..... "	" 19th, 1854.....	" JEREMIAH HELLER.
15th.	Alexandria..... "	" 18th, 1855.....	" HENRY HECKERMAN.
16th.	Shippensburg..... "	" 16th, 1856.....	" SAMUEL N. CALLENDER.
17th.	Greencastle..... "	" 15th, 1857.....	" BERNARD C. WOLFF, D. D.
18th.	Martinsburg..... "	" 14th, 1858.....	" JOHN REBAUGH.
19th.	Huntingdon..... "	" 13th, 1859.....	" BENJAMIN S. SCHNECK, D. D.
20th.	Chambersburg..... "	" 18th, 1860.....	" HENRY W. SUPER.
21st.	Mercersburg..... "	" 17th, 1861.....	" JACOB HASSLER.
22d.	Bedford..... "	" 16th, 1862.....	" BENJAMIN BAUSMAN.
23d.	Martinsburg..... "	" 15th, 1863.....	" THOMAS G. APPLE.
24th.	Waynesboro'..... "	" 6th, 1864.....	" SAMUEL R. FISHER, D. D
25th.	Shippensburg..... "	" 19th, 1865.....	" ISAAC G. BROWN.
26th.	Alexandria..... "	" 18th, 1866.....	" HENRY HECKERMAN.
27th.	Pattonsville..... "	" 17th, 1867.....	" WALTER E. KREBS.
28th.	Greencastle..... "	" 14th, 1868.....	" PETER S. DAVIS
29th.	Chambersburg..... "	" 13th, 1869.....	" JOHN W. LOVE..
30th.	Schellsburg..... "	" 19th, 1870.....	" SAMUEL N. CALLENDER.
31st.	Bedford..... "	June 8th, 1871.....	" EMANUEL V. GERHART, D. D.
32d.	Mercersburg..... "	" 6th, 1872.....	" MOSES KIEFFER, D. D.
33d.	Altoona..... "	" 12th, 1873.....	" DANIEL Y. HEISLER.
34th.	Everett..... "	" 4th, 1874.....	" JOHN A. PETERS.
35th.	Waynesboro'..... "	April 21st, 1875.....	" ADAM C. WHITMER.
36th.	Greencastle..... "	May 17th, 1876.....	" ALBERT G. DOLE.
37th.	Marklesburg..... "	" 23d, 1877.....	" JACOB HASSLER.

ADDENDA.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger was elected Secretary in 1841 and 1842; Rev. M. Kieffer in 1843; Rev. A. H. Kremer in 1844; Rev. F. W. Kremer in 1845; Rev. Theodore Appel in 1846; Rev. Alfred Nevin in 1847: Rev. F. A. Rupley in 1848; Rev. J. S. Foulk in 1849; Rev. S. H. Reid in 1850. Rev. J. S. Foulk served as Stated Clerk from 1851 to 1857. Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick has held this office from 1857 to the present.

Elder Barnard Wolff was elected Treasurer for seven consecutive years; Rev. S. R. Fisher for seventeen years; Rev. J. Hassler for five years; Rev. M. Kieffer for two years, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick for six years.

MERCERSBURG, Pa., August 1, 1877. W. M. D.

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.	Rev. D. B. ALBRIGHT	62
Butler, Butler County, Pa.	Rev. T. F. STAUFFER	40

SYNODICAL TREASURERS.

GENERAL SYNOD.

Treasurer.—WM. D. GROSS, Philadelphia.
Treasurer of Home Missions.—CHARLES SANTEE, Philada.
Treasurer of Church Extension.—GEORGE GELBACH, Philada.
Treasurer of Foreign Missions.—T. J. CRAIG, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Treasurer.—GEORGE W. HENSEL, Lancaster, Pa.
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CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
EAST PENNSYLVANIA	St. Mark's Church, Easton, Pa	May 27th, 1878
LEBANON	Leesport, Pa	June 11th, 1878
PHILADELPHIA	Boehm's Church, Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa	June 14th, 1878
LANCASTER	Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pa	June 13th, 1878
EAST SUSQUEHANNA	Millersburg, Pa	June 13th, 1878
WEST SUSQUEHANNA	Williamsport, Pa	May 1st, 1878
GOSHENHOPPEN	Boyertown, Pa	June 14th, 1878
TOHICKON	Applebachsville, Pa	May 30th, 1878
WESTMORELAND	Trinity Church, Salem, Westmoreland Co., Pa	June 14th, 1878
CLARION	Munroeville, Clarion Co., Pa	June 6th, 1878
ST. PAUL'S	Brown's Church, Crawford Co., Pa	June 13th, 1878
SOMERSET	Somerset, Pa	June 13th, 1878
ALLEGHENY	Henshue's Church, Butler Charge, Butler Co., Pa	May 1st, 1878
ZIONS	Blain, Perry Co., Pa	June 1st, 1878
MARYLAND	Mechanicstown, Frederick Co., Md	May 31st, 1878
MERCERSBURG	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa	April 25th, 1878
VIRGINIA	St. Michael's Church, Rockingham Co., Va	May 31st, 1878
NORTH CAROLINA	Mount Zion Church, Rowan Co., N. C	May 23d, 1878
SAN FRANCISCO		1878

DEATHS OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1876 TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1877.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
HENRY AURAND	May 7, 1833	May 7, 1833	Lena, Ill	Oct. 8th, 1876	71
JEREMIAH HELLER	May, 1837	—— – 1838	New Jefferson, Ohio	Nov. 3d, 1876	69
DAVID W. KELLEY	—— – 1858	—— – 1858	Harrisburg, Pa	Feb. 3d, 1877	45
NATHANIEL E. BRESSLER	—— – 1846	—— – 1846	Halifax, Pa	March 8th, 1877	56
DAVID B. ERNST	May, 1844	—— – 1844	Bath, Pa	March 11th, 1877	62
JOSEPH S. DUBBS, D. D	—— – 1822	Sept., 1823	Allentown, Pa	April 14th, 1877	81
JOHN BECK, D. D	Oct., 1850	—— – 1850	Easton, Pa	April 19th, 1877	45
CHARLES F. HOFFMEIER	May, 1843	Nov. 19, 1843	Lancaster, Pa	April 19th, 1877	74
JONATHAN ZELLERS	Sep. 30, 1830	Sep. 30, 1830	Lock Haven, Pa	Aug. 3d, 1877	72

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
English.—			
The Messenger	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Weekly	1827
Christian World	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio	"	1848
The Guardian	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Monthly	1850
Child's Treasury	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1859
Mercersburg Review	" " " "	Quarterly	1849
The Instructor	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio	Quarterly	1873
Leaves of Light	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1873
German.—			
Kirchenzeitung und Evangelist	Cleveland, Ohio	Weekly	1838
Reformirte Hausfreund	Reading, Pa	Every other week	1866
Der Lammerhirte	Cleveland, Ohio	Monthly	1859

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.
Synod in U. S.	8	200	443	63,560	36,960	5,787	188	3,797	1,261	51,398	656	88		2,263	463	31,250	61	$31,037	$185,063
Synod of Ohio	12	158	338	24,041	11,910	1,638	473	1,770	858	19,142	377	31	560	610	252	18,668	35	6,404	84,696
Synod of N. W.	9	125	192	16,998	13,600	1,553	7	1,002	594	12,181	305	110	34	469	148	8,594	14	6,940	31,359
Synod of Pittsburg	5	50	112	9,312	7,425	892		539	322	8,155	155	8		199	89	5,808	9	6,002	13,267
Synod of Potomac	6	112	246	25,129	15,607	1,953		1,625	465	21,756	334	8		665	207	13,680	38	13,144	
East. German Synod	5	35	37	7,861	5,575	1,647	8	608	396	6,532	142	4		509	39	5,604	3	3 987	43,198
Total: 6 Synods	45	680	1,368	146,901	91,077	13,470	676	9,341	3,896	119,164	1,969	249	594	4,715	1,198	83,604	160	$67,514	$357,583

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If the New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon or Last Quarter, happens	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.
Between midnight and 2 o'clock	Fair	Frost unless wind Southwest.
" 2 and 4 morning	Cold and showers	Snow and stormy.
" 4 " 6 "	Rain	Rain.
" 6 " 8 "	Wind and rain	Stormy.
" 8 " 10 "	Changeable	Cold rain if wind West, snow if East.
" 10 " 12 "	Frequent showers	Cold and high wind.
" 12 " 2 afternoon	Very rainy	Snow or rain.
" 2 " 4 "	Changeable	Fair and mild.
" 4 " 6 "	Fair	Fair.
" 6 " 8 "	Fair if wind Northwest	Fair and frosty if wind N. or N. E.
" 8 " 10 "	Rainy if South or Southwest	Rain or snow if South or S. W.
" 10 " midnight	Fair	Fair and frosty.

OBSERVATIONS.—1. The nearer the time for the Moon's change, first quarter, full and last quarter are to *midnight*, the fairer will be the weather during the next seven days.

2. The space for this calculation occupies from ten at night till two next morning.

3. The nearer to *midday* or *noon* the phase of the Moon happens, the more foul or wet weather may be expected during the next seven days.

4. The space for this calculation occupies from ten in the forenoon to two in the afternoon. These observations refer principally to the Summer, though they affect Spring and Autumn nearly in the same ratio.

5. The Moon's change, first quarter, full and last quarter, happening during six of the afternoon hours, *i. e.* from four to ten, may be followed by fair weather; but this is mostly dependent on the *wind*, as is noted in the table.

6. Though the weather, from a variety of irregular causes, is more uncertain in the latter part of Autumn, the whole of Winter and the beginning of Spring, yet in the main the above observations will apply to those periods also.

7. To prognosticate correctly, especially in those cases where the *wind* is concerned, the observer should be within sight of a good *vane*, where the four cardinal points of the heavens are correctly placed.

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Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 9.	Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26.	Ascension, or Holy Thurs., May 22	Corpus Christi, June 12.
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Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25.	Easter Sunday, April 13.	Trinity Sunday, June 8.	Sundays after Trinity are 24.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

March 5. | June 4. | September 17. | December 17.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, ☉ enters ♈ Mar. 20th, 7 o'clock, 20 min. Evening. | Autumnal Equinox, ☉ enters ♎ Sept. 23d, 5 o'clock, 12 min. Morn.
Summer Solstice, " " ♋ June 21st, 3 " 40 " Aftern'n. | Wintei Solstice, " " ♑ Dec. 21st, 10 " 14 " Eve.

(☿.) Mercury is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1879.

There will be three Eclipses, two of the Sun, and one of the Moon.

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Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 *New Year*	1 Pet. 2: 12–19	12 40	♑ 12	♃ sets 6 54 ☋	4	7 23	4 37	7 42
Thursday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	Philip 2: 1–12	1 41	♑ 25	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☉ in Per.	4	7 23	4 37	8 31
Friday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12–19	2 42	♒ 8	Sirius south 11 40	5	7 23	4 37	9 26
Saturday	4 Titus	Eph. 3:	3 44	♒ 21	7* south 8 41	5	7 22	4 38	10 16

1] *Sunday after New Year,* Luke 2: 33–40; Rom. 6: 12–18. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 16 *min.*

Sunday	5 Simeon	John 1: 29–34	4 36	♓ 4	☿ stationary	6	7 22	4 38	11 8
Monday	6 *Epiphany*	" 1: 38–51	5 34	♓ 18	♄ rises 4 35	6	7 21	4 39	11 48
Tuesday	7 Widukind	" 2:	6 30	♈ 2	♄ sets 11 8 ♈	6	7 21	4 39	12 36
Wednesday	8 Severinus	" 3:	☽ rise	♈ 17	8th. Orion so. 10 31	7	7 20	4 40	1 26
Thursday	9 Catherine Zell	" 4:	6 35	♉ 2	♀ in Aphelion	7	7 20	4 40	2 13
Friday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 5:	7 50	♉ 17	Arctur rises 9 20 ♉	8	7 19	4 41	3 6
Saturday	11 Fructuosus	" 6: 1–25	8 57	♊ 2	Spica rises 10 11	8	7 19	4 41	3 46

2] 1*st Sunday after Epiphany,* Luke 2: 41–52: Rom. 12: 1–5. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 24 *min.*

Sunday	12 Jean Castellian	John 6: 26–71	10 10	♊ 17	♃ sets 6 45	9	7 18	4 42	4 30
Monday	13 Hilary	" 7:	11 21	♋ 1	Rigel south 9 27	9	7 17	4 43	5 21
Tuesday	14 Felix	" 8: 2–20	morn.	♋ 15	☽ in per. Sirius so. 10 52	9	7 17	4 43	6 14
Wednesday	15 John de Laski	" 8: 21–50	12 29	♋ 29	15th. ☿ rises 6 20	10	7 16	4 44	6 41
Thursday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 9:	1 46	♌ 12	☿ gr. elon. West	10	7 15	4 45	7 36
Friday	17 Anthony	" 10: 1–21	2 58	♌ 25	Neptune stationary	10	7 14	4 46	8 25
Saturday	18 John Blackader	" 10: 22–42	3 38	♍ 8	♄ sets 10 41	11	7 13	4 47	9 24

3] 2*d Sunday after Epiphany,* John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 36 *min.*

Sunday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	Mark 1: 1–20	4 37	♍ 21	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ rises 4 29	11	7 12	4 48	10 23
Monday	20 Fabian	" 1: 21–45	5 31	♎ 3	♂ ☽ ☿. Pollux south 10 26 ☋	11	7 12	4 48	11 25
Tuesday	21 Agnes	" 2:	6 29	♎ 15	☉ enters ♒	12	7 11	4 49	12 18
Wednesday	22 Vincent	" 3: 1–19	☽ sets	♎ 27	22d. ♃ sets 6 32	12	7 10	4 50	1 16
Thursday	23 Isaiah	" 3: 20–35	6 42	♏ 9	☽ ♂ ♀. ♃. ♂ ♀ ♃	12	7 9	4 51	2 4
Friday	24 Timothy	" 4:	7 38	♏ 21	♀ sets 6 10 ♌	12	7 8	4 52	2 46
Saturday	25 *Paul's convers.*	" 5: 6: 1-6	8 36	♏ 4	♀ in ♌. Regulus rises 6 46	13	7 7	4 53	3 29

4] 3*d Sunday after Epiphany,* Matt. 8: 1–13: Rom. 12: 17–21. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 48 *min.*

Sunday	26 Polycarp	Mark 6: 7–29	9 38	♏ 15	Spica rises 11 17	13	7 6	4 54	4 16
Monday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 6: 30–56	10 39	♐ 27	♂ ☽ ♄. ♅ Neptune ☉	13	7 5	4 55	5 10
Tuesday	28 Charlemagne	" 7: 1–23	11 40	♐ 9	♄ sets 10 10	13	7 4	4 56	5 42
Wednesday	29 Juventin	" 7: 24–37	morn.	♐ 21	☽ in apo. Rigel so. 8 22	13	7 3	4 57	6 32
Thursday	30 Henry Müller	" 8:	12 48	♑ 3	30th. ♀ sets 6 21	14	7 2	4 58	7 11
Friday	31 Hans Sachs	" 9:	1 54	♑ 16	♁ rises 4 16	14	7 1	4 59	7 43

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	8th,	6	o'clock,	47	min.,	morning.
Last Quarter,	15th,	6	"	1	"	"
New Moon,	22d,	6	"	50	"	"
First Quarter,	30th,	6	"	44	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, cloudy, cold; 8, 9, snow; 10, 11, 12, moderate; 13, 14, 15, rain and snow; 16, N. W., cold; 17, 18, coldest days; 19, 20, moderate; 21, 22, fair; 23, cloudy; 24, 25, rain and snow; 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, snow; 30, 31, variable.

The weather is cold. Snow is on the ground. The boys are on their way to school. Their cheeks are red, and their fingers are numb, but their hearts are light. These are their happy school-days.

"HOW FRAIL I AM."

In the morning we are strong, and hardly think of weariness. So at New Year we look through all its months in hope.

And yet we have very much need to pray as did David: "Lord, make me to know . . . . how frail I am." (Ps. xxxix. 4.)

Our days are as an hand-breadth. Our life is but a vapor. We are short-lived as grass and flowers. Our years are few and uncertain.

Of this we should think, especially at New Year. It will make us humble, trustful, thankful and thoughtful.

CLOSED SCHOOLS.

Shutting a Sunday-school through the winter, because but few children will attend, is like saying, when through death, marriage or other removal the family has been made small,—"we will not feed these few children who are left; it is not worth while; we will break up house-keeping and let them shift for themselves!" What an idea!

"AND THE CHILD GREW."

So the Holy Ghost says of both John and Jesus. Thirty years they spent in quiet waiting and preparation for the day of their work.

From this little incident our own time and generation need to learn a great lesson,—that of a long, patient, full preparation for the work of life.

The common spirit and bad habit of our day is to hurry almost from the cradle to shop, store and desk, immature and unprepared, and thus not only unfit for work but also very liable to early decay. There is much wisdom in the old saying, "Make haste slowly."

"THE CARE OF ALL THE CHURCHES."

What was this? Not stripes, beatings, imprisonments, dangerous travel, perils by land and by sea, weariness, watchings, and daily other self-denial; but consuming "care," intense anxiety for the good of the Churches.

This every faithful minister has, not work but worry, not preaching and visitation but a daily burden of soul. He not only labors among them, but agonizes over them. This "care of all the Churches" more than anything else, takes his strength and makes gray hairs.

The slowness of some to believe, and the unfaithfulness of others, to say nothing of his own sense of weakness, his inability rightly to meet the sacred wants of his people, and the peculiar temptations of a Pastor,—weigh heavily upon his heart, giving him many a weary day and sleepless night. No wonder Paul so often said, "Brethren, pray for us."

Your Pastor tenderly bears you on his heart, in joy and sorrow, at the marriage-feast and in the house of mourning.

All this care of souls taxes his head, heart and hand to a degree which few of his people appreciate.

How, now, can you lighten this burden? How can you gladden his heart and sweeten his toil?

Thus: go to Church regularly, hear the Word gladly, live devoutly, work faithfully, pray for him daily, and give him encouraging words.

☞ We are married to Christ, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. (Rom. 7: 4.)

'EBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1879.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
aturday	1 Ignatius	Mark 10: 1–31	2 56	♋ 29	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S ☋	14	6 59	5 1	8 31
5]	*4th Sunday after Epiphany,*	Matt. 8: 23–37; Rom. 13: 1–7.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 4 *min.*				
unday	2 *Candle Mass*	Matt. 3:	3 57	♌ 13	♀ sets 6 15	14	6 58	5 2	9 29
Monday	3 Ansgar	" 4: 1–22	4 57	♌ 26	♄ rises 4 4 ♏	14	6 57	5 3	10 24
uesday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 4: 23-5: 1-2	5 50	♍ 10	☿ in Aphelion	14	6 56	5 4	11 19
Wednesday	5 P. S. Spener	" 5: 13–32	6 39	♍ 25	♄ sets 9 36 ♐	14	6 55	5 5	12 17
hursday	6 Amandus	" 5: 32–48	☽ rise	♎ 10	6th. Sirius so. 9 17	14	6 54	5 6	1 14
riday	7 George Wagner	" 6:	6 14	♎ 25	Orion south 8 22	14	6 53	5 7	1 54
aturday	8 Maria Andrea	" 7:	7 32	♏ 10	♂ ♃ ☉. Spica rises 10 26	15	6 52	5 8	2 44
3]	*Septuagesima Sunday,*	Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor 9: 24-27 & 10: 1-5.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 18 *min.*				
unday	9 John Hooper	Luke 3:	8 45	♏ 25	☽ in per. ♄ rises 5 56	15	6 51	5 9	3 30
Monday	10 F. C. Oetinger	" 4:	9 59	♐ 10	♄ sets 9 20	15	6 49	5 11	4 19
uesday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 5:	11 15	♐ 25	Arctur rises 9 18	15	6 48	5 12	5 14
Wednesday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 6: 1–19	morn.	♑ 9	♀ sets 6 24	15	6 47	5 13	6 6
hursday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 6: 20–49	12 30	♑ 22	13th. Aldebaran south 6 42	15	6 46	5 14	6 44
riday	14 Brun. of Querfu't	" 7:	1 38	♒ 5	Orion south 7 55	14	6 44	5 16	7 32
aturday	15 Jacob von Loh	" 8:	2 38	♒ 18	Andromeda sets 9 55	14	6 43	5 17	8 26
7]	*Sexagesima Sunday,*	Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-33 & 12: 1-9.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 36 *min.*				
unday	16 Matth. Desübas	Luke 9: 1–36	3 32	♓ 1	♂ ☽ ♁. ♄ rises 3 49 ☋	14	6 42	5 18	9 22
Monday	17 Pat. Hamilton	" 9: 37–62	4 15	♓ 13	♄ sets 8 38	14	6 40	5 20	10 19
uesday	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 10:	5 14	♓ 25	7* sets 1 2	14	6 39	5 21	11 17
Wednesday	19 Mesrob	" 11:	5 56	♈ 7	☊. ☉ enters ♓	14	6 38	5 22	12 16
hursday	20 Sadoth	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	☽ sets	♈ 19	20th. ☽ ♂ ♃. ☿	14	6 37	5 23	1 19
riday	21 Mainrod	" 12: 13–59	6 30	♈ 1	Capella south 6 48	14	6 36	5 24	1 57
aturday	22 *Washington B.*	" 13: 1–21	7 27	♈ 12	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 6 51	14	6 34	5 26	2 42
8]	*Quinquagesima Sunday,*	Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–43.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 54 *min.*				
unday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	Luke 13: 22–35	8 26	♈ 24	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 8 20	14	6 33	5 27	3 30
Monday	24 Matthias	" 14:	9 24	♉ 6	Sirius south 8 11	13	6 32	5 28	4 12
uesday	25 *Shrove Tuesday*	" 15:	10 26	♉ 22	☽ in apo. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	13	6 31	5 29	4 51
Wednesday	26 *Ash Wednesday*	" 16:	11 30	♊ 10	♄ rises 3 30	13	6 29	5 31	5 40
hursday	27 Martin Bucer	" 17: 1–19	morn.	♊ 25	Antares rises 2 10	13	6 28	5 32	6 20
riday	28 Jno. deMon. Corv.	" 17: 20–37	12 42	♋ 8	Regulus rises 11 2	13	6 27	5 33	6 59

MOON'S PHASES.

ull Moon,	6th,	8	o'clock,	42 min.,	evening.
ast Quarter,	13th,	1	"	55 "	afternoon.
ew Moon,	20th,	11	"	3 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, cloudy, snow; 5, 6, cold, N. W.; 7, 8, snow; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, 14, cold; 15, 16, moderate; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, snow; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, fair.

(♀.) Venus is Evening Star till September 23d. Then Morning Star till the end of the year.

(♃.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun the 8th of this month, and cannot be seen.

Every American child should know the face of the great and good WASHINGTON, and know also much of his early and later history. The boy that honored his mother led the Colonial Army to victory.

LENT.

Lent is the special penitential season of six weeks before Easter to prepare for the solemnities of Good Friday and the joys of Easter.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is so called from the old Jewish and early Christian custom of throwing ashes upon the head as a token of sorrow and repentance (Esther iv. 3; Dan. ix. 3; Matt. xi. 21).

Count from Ash Wednesday to Easter, and you have forty-six days; but as the Lord's Day can never be a day of fasting and sorrow, but only of rejoicing in remembrance of Christ's resurrection, the six Sundays in Lent must be counted out, and you have a season of forty days, in commemoration, especially, of the Saviour's forty days' fasting and praying in the wilderness (Matt. iv. 1–11).

Fasting with us is optional, of course; but is it well to neglect it? Examine the Old Testament, yes, and also the New Testament, and you may be surprised to see how much is said about this divinely appointed form of worship. It need not, indeed must not, be a mere bodily exercise profiting little. Fasting is optional; but confession of sin, self-examination, and humiliation of soul, are not optional.

During the Lenten season, let us devoutly turn our hearts and minds toward the suffering Saviour, and meditate on His holy love and great humiliation, as well as upon our sins.

STRIFE AND DIVISIONS IN THE CHURCH.

1). *They are very old.* Paul and Barnabas had a sharp contention (Acts xv. 39). Paul and Peter had a warm debate at Antioch (Gal. ii. 11). The congregation at Corinth had four parties (1 Cor. i. 10–12). It is not strange, then, that in every age the Church has had strife and division. And it is safe to say that these will continue down to the second coming of Christ.

2). *They are the conflict* between grace and sin, between truth and error, and are some sign of a living Church struggling against the power of evil. Truth must oppose error, and error will persecute truth. And it is simply astonishing to see in how many ways the devil manages to bring about the most unfortunate differences, which then must be met by the positive power of the Holy Ghost.

3). *They are always over-ruled for good.* If Rom. viii. 28 is true of the individual, how much more so of His Church as a whole! The very heresies of the early Church brought out all those rich apologetic writings of the Fathers. What a wealth of Scriptural learning the Reformation developed! So to-day infidelity, Romanism, and denominational questions have given us vast stores of valuable Christian literature.

And yet, of course, while divine wisdom overrules all these follies and evils, divisions and contentions, for the good of His Church, nevertheless they are to be lamented, yea, first of all to be avoided if possible. God makes even the wrath of man to serve Him, but no thanks to man.

4). Amid all these troubles, *we must never lose confidence in the Church.* The Church, as once her Lord, is now in her state of humiliation, and her glory is hid; but at His second Coming she will shine forth in beauty. The Church militant cannot be at peace till the warfare is over. Till then, we must wait, and pray and work for her peace and prosperity, sure of her victory.

COSTLY WORSHIP.

Many city churches pay immense sums for their music. In New York and Boston a first-class quartette, with organist, costs from $6,000 to $12,000 a year. Good singers are well paid, from $1,000 to $7,000. Such worship, too, is often more costly than devout.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Suidbert	Luke 18: 1–30	1 40	21	☽ 1st. ♂ ☿ ♄. ♄ sets 8 6	13 6	25 5	35	7 40
9] 1st *Sunday in Lent,*		Matt. 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 12 *min.*				
Sunday	2 John Wesley	Luke 18: 31–19: 1–28	2 36	5	☿ sets 7 8	13 6	24 5	36	8 29
Monday	3 Bathilde	" 19: 29–20: 1–18	3 30	19	♁ rises 3 22	12 6	23 5	37	9 14
Tuesday	4 Geo. Wishart	" 20: 19–21: 1–4	4 21	3	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	12 6	21 5	39	10 4
Wednesday	5 *Emberday*	" 21: 5–35	4 54	18	Sirius south 7 34	12 6	20 5	40	10 42
Thursday	6 Fridolin	" 22: 1–30	5 29	3	♍. Spica rises 8 44	11 6	19 5	41	11 30
Friday	7 Perpetua	" 22: 31–71	5 59	18	Castor south 8 13	11 6	17 5	43	12 26
Saturday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 23:	☽ rise	4	8th. Arctur rises 7 42	11 6	16 5	44	1 20
9] 2d *Sunday in Lent,*		Matt. 15: 21–28; 1 Thes. 4: 1–8.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 30 *min.*				
Sunday	9 Cyrillus	Mark 10: 32–52	7 36	19	☽ in per. ☿ sets 7 42	11 6	15 5	45	2 10
Monday	10 40 Martyrs at Sebaste	" 11:	8 39	3	♁ rises 3 8	10 6	13 5	47	2 50
Tuesday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 12:	9 40	17	♄ sets 7 42	10 6	12 5	48	3 41
Wednesday	12 Greg. the Great	" 13:	10 46	1	Regulus south 10 30	10 6	11 5	49	4 31
Thursday	13 Rudericus	" 14: 1–54	11 50	15	Wega rises 10 19	10 6	10 5	50	5 20
Friday	14 Matilda	" 14: 55–15: 1–15	morn.	28	14th. Orion sets 12 34	9 6	8 5	52	6 15
Saturday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 15: 16–47	12 52	10	7* sets 11 27	9 6	7 5	53	7 10
1] 3d *Sunday in Lent,*		Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	16 Heribert	Matt. 20: 17–33	1 46	22	♄ sets 7 26	9 6	5 5	55	7 43
Monday	17 St. Patrick	" 21:	2 30	4	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ rises 2 51	8 6	4 5	56	8 32
Tuesday	18 Alexander	" 22:	3 10	16	☿ sets 7 40	8 6	3 5	57	9 21
Wednesday	19 Mary & Martha	" 23:	3 50	28	♌. ♃ rises 4 24 Mor.	8 6	2 5	58	10 19
Thursday	20 Ambrose of Sien	" 24: 1–31	4 32	9	♂ ☽ ♃. ☉ enters ♈. D. & N. equal.	8 6	0 6	0	11 18
Friday	21 Benedict	" 24: 31–51	5 12	21	Spring commences	7 5	59 6	1	12 16
Saturday	22 Nich v. d. Flüe	" 25:	☽ sets	3	22d. Sirius sets 11 34	7 5	57 6	3	1 16
2] 4th *Sunday in Lent,*		John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 8 *min.*				
Sunday	23 Wolfgang	Matt. 26: 1–13	7 25	15	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 7 10	7 5	56 6	4	1 44
Monday	24 Florentius	Mark 26: 14–35	8 15	27	♂ ☽ ☿. ♁ rises 2 36	6 5	54 6	6	2 35
Tuesday	25 Ann. V. Mary	" 26: 36–56	9 10	9	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♀. 8 20	6 5	53 6	7	3 28
Wednesday	26 Lindger	" 26: 57; 27: 1–2	10 26	22	♂ ☽ ☉. ♀ sets	6 5	52 6	8	4 14
Thursday	27 Rupertus	" 27: 3–31	11 39	5	♃ rises 4 4	5 5	51 6	9	5 11
Friday	28 John von Goch	" 27: 32–50	morn.	18	☿ sets 7 2	5 5	49 6	11	5 55
Saturday	29 Eustatius	" 27: 51–56	12 37	1	☿ gr. elong. East	5 5	48 6	12	6 40
3] 5th *Sunday in Lent,*		John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 26 *min.*				
Sunday	30 John Heermann	John 11:	1 41	14	30th. ♀ in ♌	4 5	47 6	13	7 31
Monday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 12:	2 27	28	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	4 5	45 6	15	8 24

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st,	2	o'clock,	58	min., morning.
Full Moon,	8th,	8	"	9	" "
Last Quarter,	14th,	10	"	42	" evening.
New Moon,	22d,	4	"	6	" afternoon.
First Quarter,	30th,	8	"	6	" evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, snow; 3, 4, 5, clear, cold; 6, variable; 7, 8, rain and snow; 9, 10, 11, N. W., cold; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, showers; 24, 25, rain; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, cloudy; 30, 31, clear.

(♄.) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun the 26th of this month, and cannot be seen.

"Glad to see you, little bird,
'Twas your little chirp I heard;
What did you intend to say?
'Give me something this cold day?'"

"That I will, and plenty too;
All the crumbs I saved for you:
Don't be frightened—here's a treat:
I will wait and see you eat."

FORBEARING.

To bear a wrong is often much easier than to have it made right.

When people say or do what wounds you, of course you may call them to account, make great ado, demand apology, and all that; but is it best?

A much better plan generally, is to bear the wrong. Our old nature says: "Pay him back in his own coin," but the Spirit says: "Forbearing one another in love."

This bearing a wrong with patience is good for self, because it is a victory over evil; and it is good also for those who wrong us, for love always wins.

"THOU ART THE MAN."

All men groan under sin, and make some outcry for mercy. True penitence, humiliation, confession and peace are possible, however, only under Christianity, and in the Christian Church.

To cloak or hide our sin, to excuse or justify it, is great folly. Much less may we get angry at the servant of the Lord for rebuking it. Like the royal sinner of Israel we must cry, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness."

In repentance, much depends on how we look at our sins, whether as against man, or as against God. As God is higher than man, so will our contrition be deeper if we look upon sin (as David did, Ps. li. 4) as against God our loving Heavenly Father.

True repentance is not just occasional, spasmodic and passing, but abiding. Nor will it fail to make prompt and hearty confession, saying, "I have sinned."

And we need to look away from sinful self to Him who alone can take away our sin. We need not only pardon but cleansing; not only peace but purity; not only the washing of regeneration, but also the renewing of the Holy Ghost.

WHY MUST WE TEACH CHILDREN?

(1.) Because God has given them brains. Created in His image, they need to know all they can about the word and works of God. Some children do not even know that they have souls, much less that they are sinners and need redemption. All this knowledge must be given them, as truly as you have received all that you know. It will not come to them of itself.

(2.) Because of the infidelity around them. Many false views prevail. The devil is busy sowing error. Our children must be made able to meet and overcome all these forms of unbelief. Nothing can so well fit them for this as careful instruction in the truth of God. Knowledge and grace go together.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
uesday	1	Fritigiid	John 13: 1–30	2 56	12	☽. ♀ sets 8 22	4 5	4 44	6 16	9 12
ednesday	2	Theodosia	" 13: 31–14	3 24	27	♄ rises 2 23	4 5	4 43	6 17	9 48
hursday	3	Gerh. Tersteegen	" 15:	4 0	12	♃ rises 3 34	3 5	4 41	6 19	10 36
riday	4	Ambrose	" 16:	4 30	27	Sirius sets 10 47	3 5	4 40	6 20	11 24
aturday	5	Christ. Scriver	" 17:	4 59	12	Orion sets 11 20	3 5	3 39	6 21	12 19
7]	*Palm Sunday,*		John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–11.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 44 *min.*				
unday	6	Albert Durer	Lam. Jeremiah	☽ rise	27	6th. Regulus south 8 59	2 5	3 38	6 22	1 16
onday	7	Olaus Peterson	Heb. 8:	7 48	11	☽ in per. ♀ station.	2 5	3 37	6 23	1 54
uesday	8	Mart. Chemnitz.	" 9:	9 4	26	7* sets 10 2	2 5	3 36	6 25	2 41
ednesday	9	Thos. v. Westen	" 10:	10 18	9	♀ sets 8 45	2 5	3 34	6 26	3 13
hursday	10	*Maund. Thurs.*	John 6:	11 24	23	♂ rises 2 12	1 5	3 33	6 27	4 32
riday	11	*Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32–49	morn.	6	♃ rises 3 14	1 5	3 31	6 29	5 20
aturday	12	Sabas	Heb. 4:	12 18	18	Wega rises 8 56	1 5	3 30	6 30	5 54
4]	*Easter Sunday,*		John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 2 *min.*				
unday	13	*Easter Sunday*	John 20: 1–18	12 52	0	13th. Antares 10 30	0 5	2 29	6 31	6 42
onday	14	*Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1–12	1 28	13	Rigel sets 10 5	Sun 5	2 28	6 32	7 31
uesday	15	Simon Dach	Acts 2: 22–47	1 56	24	☌ ☽ ♄. ♂ rises 2 1	fast 5	2 27	6 33	8 26
ednesday	16	Peter Waldo	1 Cor. 15:	2 22	6	☊. ☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 2 41	0 5	2 26	6 34	9 13
hursday	17	Mappalicus	Rom. 6:	2 49	17	☌ ☿ ☉ Inferior	1 5	2 24	6 36	9 46
riday	18	Luther at Worms	" 8:	3 12	29	♀ sets 9 18	1 5	2 23	6 37	10 38
aturday	19	Melancthon	1 Cor. 3:	3 40	11	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 3 58	1 5	2 21	6 39	11 30
3]	1*st Sunday after Easter,*		John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–10.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 20 *min.*				
unday	20	John Bugenhag	John 1:	4 12	23	☌ ☽ ☿. ☉ ent. ♉	2 5	2 06	6 40	12 28
onday	21	Anselm of Cant.	" 2:	☽ sets	6	21st. ☽ in apo.	2 5	1 96	6 41	1 24
uesday	22	Origen	" 3:	8 30	19	Sirius sets 9 40	2 5	1 86	6 42	2 12
ednesday	23	Adelbert	" 4:	9 31	2	Orion sets 10 6	2 5	1 76	6 43	3 4
hursday	24	Wilfrid	" 5:	10 20	15	☌ ☽ ☿. ♀ sets 9 30	2 5	1 56	6 45	3 42
riday	25	St. Mark, Evan.	" 6: 1–10	11 24	26	7* sets 8 55	2 5	1 46	6 46	4 30
aturday	26	Trudpert	" 6: 41–71	morn.	11	♃ rises 2 11	3 5	1 36	6 47	5 15
7]	2*d Sunday after Easter,*		John 10: 11–16; 1 Pet. 2: 20–25.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 36 *min.*				
unday	27	Otto Catelin	John 7:	12 20	25	♄ rises 1 54	3 5	1 26	6 48	5 50
onday	28	Fred. Myconius	" 8: 1–30	1 10	9	♄ rises 3 39	3 5	1 16	6 49	6 41
uesday	29	L. von Berquin	" 8: 31–59	1 59	23	29th. ☿ stationary	3 5	1 06	6 50	7 32
ednesday	30	Geo. Calixtus	" 9:	2 28	7	♉. ☌ Neptune ☉	3 5	0 96	6 51	8 20

MOON'S PHASES.

ull Moon,	6th,	5	o'clock,	24	min. evening.
ast Quarter,	13th,	9	"	9	" morning.
ew Moon,	21st,	8	"	55	" "
irst Quarter,	29th,	9	"	16	" "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, stormy; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, showers; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, thunder showers; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, 26, rain; 27, 28, 29, variable; 30, fair.

Making up after a quarrel is not so easy as to keep from quarreling; but it is a noble and wise thing to do. Never be afraid or ashamed to confess a wrong. Never wait long for another "to speak first."

"THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED."

Easter joy is only for the Christian. To the natural man it is foolishness, because he cannot discern it. To him the Easter song is an empty sound, and our joy is an idle tale. This is true of Easter as it is true, and especially because it is true, of all the things of the Spirit of God. He receiveth them not, because they are spiritually discerned.

"WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS."

"Sinful soul, what hast thou done?
Crucified God's only Son."

In thinking of the death of our blessed Saviour every one should confess his own share of the curse that rested on Him. Only so can we share the benefit of His redeeming work.

WHAT THE CONSTITUTION SAYS.

No one can be ordained to the Holy Ministry under twenty-one years of age.

A Minister is bound to continue in the service of the sanctuary as long as he lives; nor dare he devote himself to any secular calling, at his own pleasure.

Members of the Church must, by a proper support, place their Ministers above disturbing want, that they may give themselves entirely to their sacred work.

Our Church Courts are these: Consistory, Classis, Synod, and General Synod. The last meets only every three years.

Each Synod shall give every necessary attention to the education of poor young men for the Ministry, and to both Home Missions and Foreign Missions, as well as to the publication of books and papers for the Church.

"All baptized persons are members of the Church, under its care, and subject to its government and discipline."

"A child may be baptized, if one of the parents be a communicant member; but if neither of them be such, it must remain for the present unbaptized, agreeably to 1 Cor. vii. 14."

Baptisms should be in the Church, and parents must themselves take every vow.

Every Minister shall give special attention to the instruction of the young to prepare them for full membership. The Elders shall be present, if possible, at this catechization.

Persons become full members of the Church by the rite of confirmation.

Members removing shall obtain a certificate of dismission, and connect themselves at the earliest opportunity with the congregation to whose bounds they have removed. This certificate is good for only one year.

No Minister shall accept payment for administering Baptism or the Lord's Supper and so make traffic of sacred things. The same ought to hold also in regard to funerals, says the Constitution. He should have a proper salary, and all his services should then be free.

Family worship and prayer-meetings during the week are important.

☞ Bear ye one another's burdens, burdens of work and of weakness, of joy and of sorrow. This is the love and the law of Christ.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1	Philip & James	John 10:	2 50	♉ 22	♀ sets 9 38 ♋	3 5	7 6	6 53	9 11
Friday	2	Athanasius	" 11:	3 10	♊ 7	♀ in Perihelion	3 5	6 6	6 54	9 51
Saturday	3	Monica	" 12:	3 35	♊ 22	☿ in Aphelion	3 5	5 6	6 55	10 42
3]		*3d Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 16–22; 1 Pet. 2: 11–19.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 52 *min.*				
Sunday	4	Florian	John 13: 14:	3 55	♋ 6	♄ rises 1 48	3 5	4 6	5 56	11 36
Monday	5	Fred. the Wise	" 15:	4 20	♋ 20	☽ in per. ♄ rises 3 19	3 5	3 6	5 57	12 32
Tuesday	6	John of Damasc.	" 16: 17:	☽ rise	♌ 4	6th. 7* sets 8 24	3 5	2 6	5 58	1 30
Wednesday	7	Otto the Great	" 18:	9 14	♌ 18	Spica south 10 20	4 5	1 6	5 59	2 22
Thursday	8	Stanislaus	" 19:	10 16	♍ 1	♓ stationary ♒	4 5	0 7	0	3 10
Friday	9	Gr'g. Nanzianzen	" 20:	11 4	♍ 15	♂ ♄ ♃. ♃ rises 1 19	4 4	59 7	1	4 6
Saturday	10	John Heuglin	" 21:	11 46	♍ 26	♀ sets 9 50	4 4	58 7	2	4 41
9]		*4th Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 5–15: James 1: 16–21.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 6 *min.*				
Sunday	11	John Arndt	Heb. 1: 2:	morn.	♎ 8	♄ rises 2 54 ♌	4 4	57 7	3	5 32
Monday	12	Meletius	" 3: 4:	12 20	♎ 20	12. Orion sets 8 56	4 4	56 7	4	6 24
Tuesday	13	Servatius	" 5: 6:	12 49	♏ 2	♄ rises 1 39	4 4	55 7	5	7 10
Wednesday	14	Pachomius	" 7:	1 16	♏ 14	☽ ♀ ♃. ♄ . ☿ gr. elong. W.	4 4	54 7	6	8 5
Thursday	15	Moses	" 8:	1 39	♏ 26	☿ rises 3 55	4 4	53 7	7	8 42
Friday	16	Martyrs at L.	" 9:	2 2	♐ 8	♃ rises 1 0	4 4	52 7	8	9 32
Saturday	17	Joachim of Flor.	" 10:	2 25	♐ 21	♂ ☽ ♄ . ♄ rises 2 30	4 4	51 7	9	10 20
0]		*5th Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 20 *min.*				
Sunday	18	80 Marts. under Val.	Heb. 11:	2 50	♑ 2	☽ in apo. ♀ sets 10 0	4 4	50 7	10	11 14
Monday	19	Alcuin	" 12:	3 20	♑ 15	♂ ☽ ☿ . Sirius sets 7 56	4 4	50 7	10	11 54
Tuesday	20	Val. Herberger	" 13:	3 49	♑ 28	Arctur south 10 20	4 4	49 7	11	12 38
Wednesday	21	Constantine	John 14:	☽ sets	♒ 11	21. ♊ ☽ ☉. ☉ ent. ♊	4 4	48 7	12	1 28
Thursday	22	*Ascension Day*	Col. 2:	8 59	♒ 24	♃ rises 12 46 ♋	4 4	47 7	13	2 20
Friday	23	Jerome Savanor	John 15:	9 54	♓ 8	♄ rises 1 22	4 4	46 7	14	3 16
Saturday	24	Augustine Cazal	" 16:	10 39	♓ 22	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ♂ ☽ ♀	3 4	46 7	14	4 8
1]		*6th Sunday after Easter,*	John 15: 26; 16: 1; 1 Pet. 4: 7–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 30 *min.*				
Sunday	25	Augustine	1 John 1:	11 27	♈ 6	♀ sets 10 12 ♉	3 4	45 7	15	4 46
Monday	26	Beda Venerabilis	" 2:	11 59	♈ 20	♄ rises 2 0	3 4	44 7	16	5 30
Tuesday	27	John Calvin	" 3:	morn.	♉ 4	Orion sets 7 18	3 4	43 7	17	6 15
Wednesday	28	Lanfranc	" 4:	12 46	♉ 18	28th. Arctur south 9 48	3 4	43 7	17	6 54
Thursday	29	David Zeisberger	" 5:	1 10	♊ 2	Regulus sets 12 21	3 4	42 7	18	7 42
Friday	30	Jer'me of Prague	Joel 3:	1 39	♊ 16	Pollux sets 10 56	3 4	41 7	19	8 31
Saturday	31	Joac'm Neander	John 17:	2 6	♋ 0	♃ rises 12 20	3 4	41 7	19	9 23

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	6th,	1 o'clock,	11 min.,	morning.
Last Quarter,	12th,	9 "	35 "	evening.
New Moon,	21st,	12 "	50 "	morning.
First Quarter,	28th,	6 "	36 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, thunder showers; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, cool; 6, 7, 8, warm; 9, 10, cloudy; 11, showers; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, showers; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, warm; 29, 30, showers; 31, fair.

This boy has a good motto on his banner. *Excelsior* is a Latin word and means "higher yet." So all should say: boys about their lessons, men about their work, and Christians in regard to a godly life. Some people are too lazy, and others are too careless, to rise either in business or goodness.

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN."

"Ever upward let us move,
Wafted on the wings of love,
Looking when our Lord shall come,
Looking for a happier home."

The Ascension of Christ has brought heaven very near, and made it very real. It now is our Father's house, a place of rest, a better country, the true Canaan.

WHEN TO GO TO CHURCH.

The parents of Jesus went regularly, (Luke ii. 41), and so some faithful souls now do; but many people go only when they feel like it,—that is, when the sky is clear, and the air not too hot, nor yet too cold, when they have no toothache, nor any visitors, in other words, when everything is favorable, and when convenience is at its height. What a sickly Christianity that is! Away with it! Go to church when the time comes.

☞ Some persons think that their vows rest upon them only so long as their name is in the Church book; but they forget that God holds us to our vows *forever*.

EDUCATIONAL RELIGION.

Our baptized children are "in the Lord," and therefore to be brought up in His "nurture and admonition."

This is "Educational" religion, and is merely the fulfilment of the baptismal vows which bind the parents and congregation to train and teach the child in the way of godliness. The grace of God at hand in the child, makes this nurture and admonition possible.

To our baptized children we say: "You are holy unto the Lord and stand in His favor; throw not away this glory but cherish your heirship. You by nature are a poor sinner, but Christ has made you His own; love Him for His love, and live to His praise. God is your Father; live as His holy child. The Holy Ghost is given you to comfort you and abide with you forever; yield yourself always to His gracious in-working."

Nor do we wrong our children, when we thus bias them toward goodness. Were Samuel and Timothy wronged by being from childhood under the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Was it not Abraham's praise that he commanded his children after him? The child, while yet a child, shall be trained up in the way he should go.

NOTES ON THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM.

This new work of three hundred and twenty-three pages, has lately been published by Rev. A. C. Whitmer of Altoona, Pa. Price, bound in cloth, one dollar per copy, to be had of the author or from the Reformed Church Publication Board.

These *Notes* are not sermons, but a simple and concise explanation of the text of the Catechism, and will be found very valuable for parents, teachers and catechumens. They contain much important instruction, brought within small compass, and are very suggestive. A detailed alphabetical index at the close is also worth mentioning.

As we have so little in English on the Catechism in a form to be easily put into the hands of our young people, this work should meet a great want and be widely circulated.

The book is neatly gotten up, well bound, and is sold at a very low price.

☞ Every Christian has his crosses, and these crosses are as different as faces.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
22] *Whit Sunday or Pentecost,* John 14: 15–31; Act 2: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 40 *min.*									
Sunday 1	*Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1–7	2 32	♊ 14	♀ sets 10 21 ♈	3	4 40	7 20	10 24
Monday 2	*Whit Monday*	" 5:	2 54	♊ 28	□ ♃ ☉. ♄ rises 1 3	2	4 40	7 20	11 23
Tuesday 3	Chlotilde	Romans 12:	3 18	♋ 12	☽ in per. ♄ rises 1 31	2	4 39	7 21	12 23
Wednesday 4	*Emberday*	1 Cor. 13:	☽ rise	♋ 26	4th. ♃ rises 12 10 ♒	2	4 39	7 21	1 22
Thursday 5	Boniface	Rom. 6: 19–7:	9 0	♌ 9	Spica south 8 25	2	4 38	7 22	2 18
Friday 6	Norbert	" 8:	9 46	♌ 21	Antares south 11 18	2	4 38	7 22	3 8
Saturday 7	Paul Gerhart	2 Cor. 5:	10 20	♍ 4	Altair south 12 42	2	4 38	7 22	3 46
23] *Trinity Sunday,* John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 46 *min.*									
Sunday 8	A. H. Francke	Acts 1: 2:	10 50	♍ 16	☊. ♀ sets 10 22	1	4 37	7 23	4 34
Monday 9	Columba	" 3:	11 18	♍ 28	Procyon sets 8 42	1	4 37	7 23	5 20
Tuesday 10	Fred. Barbarossa	" 4:	11 45	♎ 10	Regulus sets 11 29	1	4 37	7 23	6 10
Wednesday 11	Barnabas	" 5:	morn.	♎ 22	11. ♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 11 58	1	4 36	7 24	6 46
Thursday 12	Renata	" 6:	12 10	♏ 4	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 12 40	1	4 36	7 24	7 31
Friday 13	Isaac Le Febre	" 7:	12 34	♏ 16	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 1 2	1	4 36	7 24	8 21
Saturday 14	Basil	" 8:	1 1	♏ 28	Libræ south 9 10	Sun	4 35	7 25	9 12
24] 1*st Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 16: 19–21; John 4: 7–20. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*									
Sunday 15	W. Wilberforce	1 Pet. 2: 1–10	1 29	♐ 10	☽ in apo. ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	sl'w	4 35	7 25	9 46
Monday 16	Richard Baxter	Acts 10:	2 2	♐ 23	☿ in Perihelion	1	4 35	7 25	10 40
Tuesday 17	John Tauler	" 11:	2 43	♑ 6	♀ sets 10 17	1	4 35	7 25	11 34
Wednesday 18	Pamphilus	" 12:	3 34	♑ 20	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	1	4 35	7 25	12 24
Thursday 19	Council at Nice	1 Pet. 2: 11-3: 1-17	☽ sets	♒ 3	19. ♂ ☽ ☿. ♃ sets 11 20 ♈	1	4 35	7 25	1 14
Friday 20	27 Martyrs	" 3: 18-4: 16	8 46	♒ 17	♄ rises 12 46	1	4 35	7 25	1 58
Saturday 21	Matth. Claudius	" 4: 17-5:	9 20	♒ 1	☉ ent. ♋. Longest Day	2	4 34	7 26	2 42
25] 2*d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–21. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*									
Sunday 22	Gottschalk	James 1:	10 1	♒ 15	☋. Summer com.	2	4 35	7 25	3 34
Monday 23	Gottfried Arnold	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	10 31	♓ 0	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 10 16	2	4 35	7 25	4 22
Tuesday 24	John Baptist	James 2:	11 0	♓ 15	♄ rises 12 4	2	4 35	7 25	5 13
Wednesday 25	Augsburg Conf.	" 3:	11 28	♓ 29	Regulus sets 10 30	2	4 35	7 25	5 49
Thursday 26	J. Val. Andreæ	" 4:	11 56	♈ 13	♃ rises 10 53	2	4 35	7 25	6 30
Friday 27	Seven Sleepers	" 5:	morn.	♈ 27	27th. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	3	4 35	7 25	7 34
Saturday 28	Irenæus	Jude	12 26	♉ 11	♄ rises 12 20	3	4 35	7 25	8 36
26] 3*d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Pet. 5: 5–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 48 *min.*									
Sunday 29	Peter and Paul	Acts 13:	12 59	♉ 25	7* rises 1 42	3	4 36	7 24	9 35
Monday 30	Raymond Lully	" 13: 1–12	1 40	♉ 8	Spica sets 12 8	3	4 36	7 24	10 45

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	4th,	8 o'clock,	36 min.,	morning.
Last Quarter,	11th,	11 "	58 "	forenoon.
New Moon,	19th,	3 "	22 "	afternoon.
First Quarter,	27th,	12 "	57 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair, clear; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, showers; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, 24, warm; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, pleasant.

The mechanic feels great interest in his line of work; the sailor loves a ship; the banker eyes piles of money; the artist is at home in colors; and the honest farmer is just a little proud of his choice stock.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

The new Board of Foreign Missions, elected by the General Synod, at Lancaster in May 1878, is as follows:

Ministers: Dr. T. S. Johnston, Dr. B. Bausman, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Dr. J. W. Santee, Dr. C. H. Leinbach, Dr. C. Z. Weiser, Dr. D. Van Horne, and Dr. N. Gehr.

Elders: G. S. Griffith, R. F. Kelker, Geo. Gelbach, and W. H. Seibert.

The Board has been organized by the election of the following officers:—*President*, D. Van Horne, D. D.; *Vice-President*, C. H. Leinbach, D.D.; *Corresponding Sec'y*, C. Z. Weiser, D.D.; *Secretary*, T. S. Johnston, D.D.; *Treasurer*, R. F. Kelker.

The Board is anxious to carry out the instructions of the Synod, and send a man or several men to Japan.

May the Lord, prosper this good work! may God move our young men to give themselves to this noble and sacred service!

THE CHURCH.

The Church is our spiritual mother, the body of Christ, the home of the Spirit,—and therefore to be very highly loved, honored, praised and supported.

"Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet Communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise."

If we truly love the Church, then we will be interested in her prosperity, in all her work, and will earnestly talk about it, anxiously read about it, faithfully work for it, and devoutly pray for it.

Those who truly love the Church, try regularly to attend public worship, to honor the Church by a godly life, and to uphold her good name among men.

Loving the Church is loving Christ, for the Church is His body (Eph. i. 23).

Some love only their congregation, and others, almost as narrow, care only for their denomination; but this is poor Church-love. Of course every Christian should love his congregation and denomination, but not with bigotry and selfishness; and yet at the same time he must with his whole heart love the whole body of Christ, in heaven and on earth. This is Church-love.

THE CHURCH YEAR.

How beautifully the Church Year presents the facts of redemption, and the effects of redemption; the work of Christ, and the work of the Holy Ghost; the birth of the Church, and its growth; the birth of the Christian, and the development of his Christian life!

Thus the first half is about Christ, and tells what He did in the flesh; the second half is about His Church, and tells what He does by the Spirit.

☞ Never let your pastor feel that he is neglected. Often when he is very tired, and tried, and anxious, a word of sympathy or some other little attention is like sweet sunshine to his soul. He is the Lord's annointed; and in after years it will be very pleasant to know that you were kind to him.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1	H. Voes	Acts 14: 13–52	2 31	♌ 21	☽ in per. ♃ sta. ♋	3	4 36	7 24	11 40
Wednesday	2	Visit V. M.	" 15:	3 16	♌ 4	☉ in Apogee ♋	4	4 37	7 23	12 20
Thursday	3	Otto Bishop	" 16:	☽ rise	♍ 17	3d. ☿ sets 9 59	4	4 37	7 23	1 15
Friday	4	*Independence,*	" 17:	8 18	♎ 0	♄ rises 11 39	4	4 37	7 23	1 53
Saturday	5	Lord Cobham	" 17:15-18:11	8 48	♎ 12	☊. ♄ rises 11 59	4	4 38	7 22	2 31

27] *4th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 44 *min.*

Sunday	6	John Huss	1 Thess. 1:	9 13	♎ 24	Wega south 11 26	4	4 38	7 22	3 30
Monday	7	Willabald	" 2: 1-16:	9 39	♏ 6	□ ♄ ☉	4	4 39	7 21	4 15
Tuesday	8	Kilian	" 2: 17-3:	10 0	♏ 18	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 10 14	5	4 39	7 21	4 50
Wednesday	9	Ephraim the Syr.	" 4:	10 23	♏ 29	♁ in Perihelion	5	4 40	7 20	5 44
Thursday	10	Wm. of Orange	" 5:	10 44	♐ 11	♄ rises 11 31 [rises 11 9]	5	4 40	7 20	6 30
Friday	11	Placedus	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	11 6	♐ 23	11. ☽ ♂ ♄. ♁. ♁	5	4 41	7 19	7 21
Saturday	12	Henry II.	" 2: 13–3	11 26	♑ 6	☽ in apo. ☿ sets 9 42	5	4 41	7 19	8 10

28] *5th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Pet. 3: 8–15. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 36 *min.*

Sunday	13	Eugenius	Gala. 1: 1–10	11 59	♒ 19	Altair south 12 13	5	4 42	7 18	8 49
Monday	14	Bonaventura	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1–10	morn.	♓ 1	Antares south 8 14	6	4 43	7 17	9 36
Tuesday	15	Answer	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1–14	12 28	♓ 14	7* rises 12 34	6	4 43	7 17	10 20
Wednesday	16	Anna Askow	" 2: 15; 3: 1–14	1 15	♓ 28	☿ gr. Elon. East ♋	6	4 44	7 16	10 59
Thursday	17	Separatus & 11 co.	" 3: 15	2 12	♈ 19	♄ rises 10 58	6	4 45	7 15	11 42
Friday	18	Arnulf	" 4:	3 18	♈ 26	♃ rises 9 44	6	4 46	7 14	12 27
Saturday	19	Louisa Henrietta	" 5: 6:	☽ sets	♈ 11	19th. ☊. ☿ in ☊	6	4 46	7 14	1 29

29] *6th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	20	John Martheil	1 Cor. 1:	8 21	♈ 26	Dog Days Begin	6	4 47	7 13	2 8
Monday	21	Eberhard	" 2:	8 47	♉ 11	♂ ☽ ☿. ♁ rises 10 50	6	4 48	7 12	2 46
Tuesday	22	Mary Magdalen	" 3:	9 15	♉ 25	□ ♁ ☉. ♂ ☽ ♀. ☿ sets 9 21	6	4 49	7 11	3 30
Wednesday	23	Godfr. v Hamelle	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	9 40	♊ 9	☉ enters ☊	6	4 49	7 11	4 15
Thursday	24	Thos. A. Kempis	" 5: 9–6	10 9	♊ 24	Antares south 8 7	6	4 50	7 10	4 55
Friday	25	St. James	" 7:	10 38	♋ 8	♃ rises 9 13	6	4 51	7 9	5 42
Saturday	26	Christopher	" 8: 9:	11 26	♋ 21	26th. ♄ rises 10 14	6	4 52	7 8	6 33

30] *7th Sunday after Trinity,* Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 19–23. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 16 *min.*

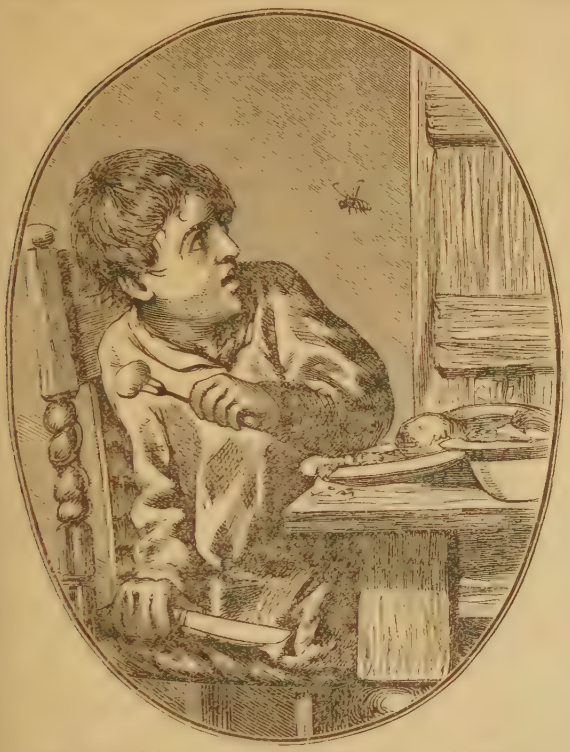
Sunday	27	Raym Palmarius	1 Cor. 10: 11–1	morn.	♌ 5	☽ in per. ☿ gr. Elon. E.	6	4 52	7 8	7 21
Monday	28	Jno. Seb. Bach	" 11: 2	12 16	♌ 18	☿ sets 8 0	6	4 53	7 7	8 24
Tuesday	29	Olaus	" 12: 1–30	1 10	♍ 1	♄ stationary ♋	6	4 54	7 6	9 26
Wednesday	30	John Wessel	" 12: 31–13	2 8	♍ 14	☿ in Aphelion	6	4 55	7 5	10 34
Thursday	31	Jno. Cas. Schade	" 14:	3 4	♍ 26	☿ sets 9 0	6	4 55	7 4	11 32

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	3d,	4	o'clock,	38	min.,	afternoon.
Last Quarter,	11th,	3	"	55	"	morning.
New Moon,	19th,	4	"	5	"	"
First Quarter,	26th,	5	"	37	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, showers; 6, 7, 8, warmest days; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, thunder showers; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, sultry; 31, showers.



Badly scared he is, and with good reason. Dinner on the shady porch is nice; but these buzzing bees and hungry wasps keep one on the watch.

"HE HUMBLED HIMSELF."

Truly He did so. He laid aside His divinity form, took on Him the form of a servant, and bore our nature ruined by the fall. He was born in a stable, fled to Egypt for His life, ate His bread in the sweat of His face. He was baptized by a sinner, tempted by the devil, hated by the Jews, forsaken by His friends, betrayed, arrested, falsely accused, shamefully insulted, and died even the death of the Cross. Truly "He humbled Himself."

"Oh sacred Head now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
With thorns Thine only Crown."

"Oh sacred Head what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet though despised and gory
I joy to call Thee mine."

OUR PEACE MEASURE.

One of the most important acts of the General Synod of 1878 was the following:

"That a Commission be created by the several District Synods, consisting of a representation ..... after the ratio of membership .... partly ministerial and partly lay; which commission, in which the two tendencies shall be proportionately represented, shall consider and solemnly deliberate over all matters in controversy within the Church, with a view of devising a plan of amicable adjustment to be reported to the next General Synod."

The basis of representation was fixed as follows: Synods having 10,000 communicant members or less, one minister and one elder; from 10,000 to 40,000, two ministers and two elders; over 40,000, three ministers and three elders.

In the election of these Commissioners, due regard is to be paid to a minority tendency, if such exist.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., President of the General Synod, shall be temporary Chairman of the Commission, which is to convene in Harrisburg, Pa., November 28th, 1879, at 7 P. M.

A majority of the Commission, representing at least four Synods, shall be a quorum.

This is our peace measure. All good hearts are weary of war, and hope for much from this Commission.

In the meantime let us all earnestly pray that the right men may be elected Commissioners, and that they may be enlightened and guided by the Holy Ghost in their work.

ADVICE TO CHOIRS.

Be a Christian. Go regularly to practice. Behave well during service. Never write notes. Never read anything. Don't talk. When done singing, lay your books away. Join in the prayer. Devoutly hear the lesson. Listen to the sermon, like other good people. Feel that you are part of the congregation. Never join in a choir-riot. If any there can sing better than you can, thank God for it. If he thinks he can, but you think otherwise, don't think too loud.

☞ The churches in the United States cost, as nearly as may be estimated, twenty millions a year, or an average of about half a dollar a year to each inhabitant.

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1879.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1	Maccabees	1 Cor. 15: 1–34	3 59	♌ 9	☾ ☿ sets 8 56 ☋	6 4	5 7	7 3	12 21
Saturday	2	Mart. under Nero	" 15: 35–16	☽ rise	♌ 21	☾ 2d. ♁ rises 10 32	6 4	5 8	7 2	1 17
31] *8th Sunday after Trinity,*			Matt. 7: 15–21; Rom. 8: 12–17.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 2 min.*				
Sunday	3	Wm. Thorp	Acts 19: 11–20: 1	7 56	♍ 3	☊. Sirius rises 4 34	6 4	5 9	7 1	2 10
Monday	4	Leonard Käser	2 Cor. 1: 1–22	8 18	♍ 15	♂ ☽ ♃. □ Neptune ☉	6 5	0	7 0	3 4
Tuesday	5	Salzb'g Evang.	" 1: 23–2	8 44	♍ 27	♃ rises 8 20	6 5	1	6 59	3 41
Wednesday	6	Transfiguration	" 3: 4: 1–6	9 16	♎ 8	☿* rises 11 6	6 5	2	6 58	4 30
Thursday	7	Nonna	" 4: 7–5: 10	9 48	♎ 20	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 9 28	5 5	3	6 57	5 24
Friday	8	Hormisdas	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	10 15	♎ 2	☾ ♁ rises 10 12	5 5	4	6 56	6 12
Saturday	9	Numidicus	" 7: 2	10 44	♎ 14	☾ 9th. ☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♁	5 5	6	6 54	6 44
32] *9th Sunday after Trinity,*			Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 1–13.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 46 min.*				
Sunday	10	Laurentius	2 Cor. 8:	11 10	♎ 26	☿ sets 8 47	5 5	7	6 53	7 31
Monday	11	Greg. of Utrecht	" 9:	11 52	♏ 10	Rigel rises 2 12	5 5	8	6 52	8 20
Tuesday	12	An. of Havelberg	" 10:	morn.	♏ 23	♄ rises 9 0	5 5	9	6 51	8 59
Wednesday	13	C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 11:	12 53	♐ 6	♃ rises 7 48 ♌	5 5	10	6 50	9 43
Thursday	14	James Guthrie	" 12: 1–18	1 59	♐ 20	Orion rises 1 48	4 5	11	6 49	10 34
Friday	15	Virgin Mary	" 12: 19–33:	2 46	♑ 5	Wega south 8 56	4 5	12	6 48	11 25
Saturday	16	John of Saxony	Acts 20: 1–13	3 36	♑ 19	Neptune stationary.	4 5	14	6 46	12 20
33] *10th Sunday after Trinity,*			Luke 19: 41–47; 1 Cor. 12: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 30 min.*				
Sunday	17	John Gerhard	Rom. 1: 1–17	☽ sets	♑ 4	☾ 17th. ☋. ♄ rises 8 39	4 5	15	6 45	1 15
Monday	18	Hugo Grotius	" 1: 18–31	7 18	♑ 19	☾ ♂ ☽ ☿. ♁ ris's 9 58	4 5	16	6 44	2 9
Tuesday	19	Sebaldus	" 2:	7 42	♒ 4	☿ gr. brilliancy.	3 5	17	6 43	2 55
Wednesday	20	Bernard of Clair.	" 3:	8 9	♒ 19	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♂ ☽ ☿	3 5	18	6 42	3 42
Thursday	21	1st Morv. Mission	" 4:	8 36	♓ 4	☿ sets 8 6	3 5	19	6 41	4 31
Friday	22	Symphorianus	" 5: 1–11	9 28	♓ 8	☽ in per. ☿ in Aphelion	3 5	21	6 39	5 16
Saturday	23	Gasp. de Coligne	" 5: 12–21	10 12	♓ 2	♂ ☿ ☉ Infr. ☉ ent'rs ♏	2 5	22	6 38	5 56
34] *11th Sunday after Trinity,*			Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday	24	Bartholomew	Rom. 6:	11 4	♈ 16	☾ 24th. ♃ rises 7 10	2 5	23	6 37	6 42
Monday	25	Louis IX.	" 7:	11 52	♈ 29	☾ Sirius rises 3 22 ☋	2 5	24	6 36	7 35
Tuesday	26	Ulfilas	" 8: 1–15	morn.	♉ 11	♄ rises 8 1	1 5	25	6 35	8 31
Wednesday	27	Jovinian	" 8: 16–39	12 50	♉ 23	♁ rises 9 40	1 5	26	6 34	9 29
Thursday	28	Aug. of Hippo	" 9: 1–13	1 54	♊ 5	♂ ♓ ☉	1 5	27	6 33	10 26
Friday	29	St. John Bapt.	" 9: 14–33	2 56	♊ 17	☊. ☿ sets 7 48	0 5	28	6 32	11 24
Saturday	30	Claud of Turin	" 10:	3 59	♊ 29	Dog Days end.	0 5	30	6 30	12 21
35] *12th Sunday after Trinity,*			Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 58 min.*				
Sunday	31	Aidan	Rom. 11:	☽ rise	♋ 11	☾ 31st. ☿ ♃ ☉. ♂ ☽ ♃	0 5	31	6 29	1 18

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	2d,	2 o'clock,	13 min.	morning.
Last Quarter,	9th,	9 "	10 "	evening.
New Moon,	17th,	3 "	11 "	afternoon.
First Quarter,	24th,	10 "	12 "	forenoon.
Full Moon,	31st,	1 "	56 "	afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, showers; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, 8, showers; 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, cloudy; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, rain; 28, 28, fair; 29, 30, cloudy, rainy; 31, fair and clear.

(♃). Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun the 31st of this month, nearest to the earth, and shines all night.

A DINNER AND A KISS.

"I have brought your dinner, father,"
The blacksmith's daughter said,
As she took from her arm the kettle,
And lifted its shining lid.
"There is not any pie or pudding,
So I will give you this;"
And upon his toil-worn forehead
She left a loving kiss.

The blacksmith took off his apron,
And dined in happy mood,
Wondering much at the savor,
Hid in his humble food;
While all about him were visions
Full of prophetic bliss;
But he never thought of the magic
In his little daughter's kiss.

While she with her kettle swinging,
Merrily trudged away,
Stopping at sight of a squirrel,
Catching some wild bird's lay,—
O, I thought, how many a shadow
Of life and of fate we would miss,
If always our frugal dinners
Were seasoned with a kiss!

THE AGE OF OUR MINISTERS.

The following facts are taken from the Western Reformed Church Almanac of 1878:

Nearly half of our Ministers have been ordained within ten years.

About six have been in the Ministry forty years; ten or twelve have been Pastors for fifty years; and one, Rev. George Leidy, of Norristown, Pa., was ordained sixty years ago.

The average age of our deceased Ministers is remarkable, as the following table will show:—

1870.....	Died,	6.....	Average	Age,	63.
1871.....	"	11.....	"	"	61.
1872.....	"	7.....	"	"	56.
1873.....	"	5.....	"	"	58.
1874.....	"	9.....	"	"	64.
1875.....	"	14.....	"	"	66.
1876.....	"	13.....	"	"	52.
1877.....	"	10.....	"	"	63.
1878.....	"	9.....	"	"	64.
		Died, 84.	Average	Age,	61.

This, indeed, is the average age of American Ministers in general.

SPECIAL THANK-OFFERINGS.

Nothing is more beautiful and proper in the Christian life, than to give the Lord special thank-offerings for special mercies.

If a man saves your life, or the life of your child, or does any other great act for you, how gladly you give him a large reward!

How much more, then, we need to acknowledge God's goodness in thankful gifts—for the recovery of self or child from sickness, or deliverance from any great trial (as did David, Ps. 66: 13–15).

"I beseech you therefore brethren *by the mercies of God.*" (Rom. 12: 1.)

Such special thank-offerings are very proper in our "harvest-home" services, as a devout and grateful acknowledgment that all the fruits of the earth are from the hand of God. (Ps. 65: 9–13.)

How largely, as well as sincerely, we should then give alms, even as the Lord hath prospered us!

☞ Many Christians from sweet experience know that it is a good thing to break the six common days into two parts, and put a sacred service between them on Wednesday Evening.

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1879.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Hanna	Rom. 12:	6 47	♓ 23	☊. ☿ stationary ♋	0 5	32 6 28		2 9
Tuesday	2 Mamas	" 13:	7 10	♈ 5	☿ sets 7 28	0 5	33 6 27		2 46
Wednesday	3 Hildegarde	" 14:	7 38	♈ 17	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 7 39	1 5	35 6 25		3 34
Thursday	4 Ida	" 15: 1–13	8 4	♈ 29	Neptune gr. Hel. Lat. S.	1 5	36 6 24		4 18
Friday	5 John Mollio	" 15: 14–33	8 36	♉ 11	♁ rises 9 14	1 5	37 6 23		4 58
Saturday	6 Martin Weibel	" 16:	9 12	♉ 23	☽ in apo. ☌ ☽ ♁	2 5	39 6 21		5 40

36] 13*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 16–22. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 40 *min.*

Sunday	7 Laz. Spengler	Acts 20:	9 59	♊ 5	♃ south 11 30	2 5	40 6 20		6 21
Monday	8 Corbinian	" 21:	10 54	♊ 18	8th. ☿ in ☊	2 5	41 6 19		6 59
Tuesday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 22: 23:	11 53	♋ 1	☿ gr. elon. W. ♍	3 5	43 6 17		7 44
Wednesday	10 Paul Separatus	" 24: 25:	morn.	♋ 14	☿ rises 4 49	3 5	44 6 16		8 32
Thursday	11 John Brenz	" 26:	1 4	♋ 29	Wega south 7 16	3 5	45 6 15		9 98
Friday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	" 27:	2 18	♌ 13	☿ in Perihelion	4 5	46 6 14		10 9
Saturday	13 Wm. Farel	" 28:	3 10	♌ 28	♄ rises 7 8	4 5	48 6 12		10 49

37] 14*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 22 *min.*

Sunday	14 Cyprian	Eph. 1: 1–14	4 4	♌ 13	♉. ☌ ☽ ☿. ☿ Hel. Lat. S.	4 5	49 6 11		11 38
Monday	15 Av. v. Grumb'h	" 1:15; 2: 1-10	4 54	♍ 28	Antares sets 9 12	5 5	50 6 10		12 34
Tuesday	16 Euphemia	" 2: 11–3	☽ sets	♎ 13	16th. ☌ ☽ ☿. ♁ rises 8 50	5 5	52 6 8		1 31
Wednesday	17 *Ember Day*	" 4: 1–17	6 48	♎ 28	♃ south 10 52	6 5	53 6 7		2 20
Thursday	18 A. G. Spangeb'g	" 4: 18	7 15	♏ 13	☽ in per.	6 5	54 6 6		3 14
Friday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 5: 6: 1-9	8 12	♏ 27	7* rises 8 26	6 5	56 6 4		4 4
Saturday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 6: 10	9 4	♐ 11	Antares sets 8 48	7 5	57 6 3		4 48

38] 15*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 4 *min.*

Sunday	21 Matthew	Colos. 1:	9 54	♐ 24	Sirius rises 1 41 ♋	7 5	58 6 2		5 36
Monday	22 Mauritius	" 2: 3: 1-4	10 51	♑ 7	22d. Spica sets 6 45	7 5	59 6 1		6 29
Tuesday	23 Mart. of Genoa	" 3: 5–4	11 50	♑ 20	☉ ent. ♎. D. & N. equal	8 6	0 6 0		7 19
Wednesday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	Philemon	morn.	♒ 2	Autumn com. ☾ infer.	8 6	2 5 58		8 10
Thursday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	Philip 1: 1–26	12 51	♒ 14	☊. ♀ rises 8 29	8 6	3 5 57		9 4
Friday	26 Lioba	" 1: 27–2:	1 52	♒ 26	Fomal south 10 38	9 6	4 5 56		9 46
Saturday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 3: 4:	2 56	♓ 8	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 10 10	9 6	6 5 54		10 36

39] 16*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 4: 1–6. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	28 A. Clarenbach	1 Tim. 1:	3 59	♓ 20	Aldebaran rises 9 12	9 6	7 5 53		11 32
Monday	29 St. Michael	" 2:	5 4	♈ 2	7* rises 7 50	10 6	8 5 52		12 29
Tuesday	30 Jerome	" 3:	☽ rise	♈ 14	30th. ☌ ☽ ♃	10 6	10 5 50		1 26

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 8th, 3 o'clock, 5 min., afternoon.
New Moon, 16th, 12 " 57 " morning.
First Quarter, 22d, 4 " 22 " evening.
Full Moon, 30th, 4 " 19 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, showers; 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, fair; 10, showers; 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, fair; 19, cloudy; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, showers.

(☿) Venus is Inferior conjunction with the Sun. Passes from Evening Star to Morning Star.

What an odd bird! It is found in New Zealand, and the natives call it kirvi-kirvi. Its wings are so small that they are hard to find; and it has no tail at all. Its nose is at the tip of its bill. It lives mainly among ferns, digging worms with its toes.

"THEY ALL .... BEGAN TO MAKE EXCUSE."

So to-day yet. Men do not object to the Gospel, but only neglect it. They make no open opposition, but only show deep indifference to it. Many would feel much hurt if you should call them the enemies of Christianity; and yet they never come to the great feast. They all make excuse.

One man thinks it is not necessary. Another feels unfit. Another is waiting till he is sure he can keep his vows. One stumbles at unworthy members, and another is halting between denominations, while many think there is yet plenty of time.

All these excuses are foolish, empty and very dangerous. They help to harden the heart. They imply that if these things were out of the way men would come to Christ in His Church; but not so. They are in fact not real difficulties, but only offcomes, to satisfy conscience and shut the mouth of God's minister.

The real and true reason for not being in the Church is an unbelieving heart, a disobedient spirit, an unwillingness to forsake sin and follow after holiness.

A FEW QUESTIONS FOR CONSISTORIES.

Do we pay our pastor salary enough? Do we pay him regularly, according to our promise in the call? Have we any right to expect him to help to collect it? Have we any right to make him take half of it in trade? And if he takes trade, have members a right to charge him the very highest market price? Do we know what the Constitution says about this matter? Do we really care for his comfort? How shall we account to the Lord for our treatment of His anointed?

☞ Nearly half of our Ministers live in Pennsylvania. About one-fourth live in Ohio. The rest are scattered over twenty-five States and Territories.

AS TRUE NOW AS THEN.

"Nor can the German Reformed Church excuse herself from taking her part in it. She owes it to herself—to her best interests. May every one of her members feel it to be, not only a duty, but a privilege to take an active and lively interest in it."

These words, in regard to Foreign Missions, are as true now as they were thirty-two years ago. They close the essay of Rev. Dr. Benj. Schneider, published in LETTERS FROM BROOSA, in 1846. At that time our Church had some zeal in Foreign Missions. The Lord revive in us this holy zeal.

☞ Beware of your first thought or temptation to neglect the Lord's Supper. The first yielding makes the second more easy.

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1879.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1	Remigius	1 Tim. 3: 14-4: 10	6 29	♑ 26	♃ south 9 50 ☋	10 6	11 5	49	2 16
Thursday	2	Chr. Schmid	" 4: 11-5: 16	6 59	♒ 8	Sirius rises 1 6	11 6	12 5	48	2 54
Friday	3	The two Ewaldes	" 5: 17	7 31	♒ 20	♄ rises 8 4	11 6	13 5	47	3 44
Saturday	4	Franciscus	" 6:	8 14	♓ 2	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♄	11 6	15 5	45	4 33

40] 17*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–6. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 28 *min.*

Sunday	5	Petro Carnesec	Titus 1:	8 59	♓ 15	☿ ♄ ☉. ♂ ☿ ☉ superi'r	12 6	16 5	44	5 20
Monday	6	Henry Albert	" 2:	9 40	♓ 28	♄ stationary ♌	12 6	17 5	43	6 10
Tuesday	7	Theodore Beza	" 3:	10 34	♈ 11	♄ south 12 0	12 6	18 5	42	6 49
Wednesday	8	Robt. of Lincoln	2 Tim. 1:	11 12	♈ 24	Sth. ♃ south 9 18	12 6	19 5	41	7 35
Thursday	9	Dionysius Areo.	" 2:	morn.	♉ 7	Altair south 6 43	13 6	20 5	40	8 24
Friday	10	Justus Jonas	" 3:	12 12	♉ 21	♐. Orion rises 10 20	13 6	21 5	39	9 12
Saturday	11	Ulrich Zwingli	" 4:	1 24	♊ 6	♄ rises 7 44	13 6	23 5	37	9 49

41] 18*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 22: 34–46: 1 Cor. 1: 4–9. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 12 *min.*

Sunday	12	Henry Bullinger	Heb. 1:	2 46	♊ 21	☿ stationary	13 6	24 5	36	10 40
Monday	13	Elizabeth Fry	" 2:	3 59	♋ 6	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ rises 4 36	14 6	26 5	34	11 35
Tuesday	14	Nich. Ridley	" 3: 4:	5 10	♋ 21	7* rises 6 54	14 6	27 5	33	12 28
Wednesday	15	Aurelia	" 5:	☽ sets	♌ 6	15th. ♃ so. 8 46	14 6	29 5	31	1 21
Thursday	16	Gallus	" 6:	5 56	♌ 21	☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ☿	14 6	31 5	29	2 11
Friday	17	Rv. Edict of Nan.	" 7:	6 39	♍ 6	Capella south 3 40	15 6	32 5	28	2 47
Saturday	18	St. Luke, Ev.	" 8:	7 31	♍ 20	♄ south 12 22	15 6	33 5	27	3 34

42] 19*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 52 *min.*

Sunday	19	Bruno	Heb. 9: 1–14	8 36	♍ 4	♄ rises 7 20 ☋	15 6	34 5	26	4 22
Monday	20	F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 9: 15	9 44	♎ 17	☿ rises 4 10	15 6	36 5	24	5 11
Tuesday	21	Hilarion	" 10: 1–18	10 59	♎ 29	Sirius rises 11 54	15 6	37 5	23	5 56
Wednesday	22	Hedwig	" 10: 19–39	morn.	♏ 11	22d. ☊. ☉ ent. ♏	15 6	38 5	22	6 42
Thursday	23	Henry Martin.	" 11:	12 59	♏ 23	Andromeda south 10 10	16 6	40 5	20	7 31
Friday	24	Arethas	" 12:	1 52	♐ 5	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 8 16	16 6	41 5	19	8 29
Saturday	25	John Herz	" 13:	2 54	♐ 17	Orion rises 9 25	16 6	42 5	18	9 27

43] 20*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 34 *min.*

Sunday	26	Frederick III.	Prov. 1: 2:	3 55	♐ 29	☿ in Aphelion	16 6	43 5	17	10 24
Monday	27	Frumentius	" 3:	4 56	♑ 11	♄ south 11 12	16 6	44 5	16	11 19
Tuesday	28	Simon and Jude	" 4:	5 57	♑ 23	♂ ☽ ♄. ♃ stationary	16 6	45 5	15	12 17
Wednesday	29	Alfred the Great	" 5: 6; 1-19:	☽ rises.	♒ 5	29th. ☿ rises 3 47	16 6	46 5	14	1 10
Thursday	30	Jacob Sturm	" 6: 20-7	5 40	♒ 17	☿ gr. Brilliancy	16 6	48 5	12	2 0
Friday	31	Fest. of Reform'n	" 8:	6 16	♒ 29	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 6 59	16 6	49 5	11	2 39

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	8th,	8	o'clock,	45 min.,	morning.
New Moon,	15th,	10	"	9 "	forenoon.
First Quarter,	22d,	1	"	19 "	morning.
Full Moon,	29th,	9	"	10 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, cloudy; 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10 clear; 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, variable; 24, 25 26, fair; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, 31, fair.

(♄) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun, the 5th of this month, and shines all night.

Good manners are so nice! The bell rings and Harry meets this lady at the door. He shows her into the parlor, bids her be seated, and excuses himself to call mamma. Good manners win where fine clothes fail.

VERY STRANGE.

A congregation pays a pastor a certain salary, and perhaps even this in dribs, irregularly and unkindly; but when a new man is called, lo! at once the salary is raised.

How strange this is! And how wrong it is! The old pastor likely did much for the congregation, giving them his best years. The new man, who has done nothing for them, is at once raised above the level of the old.

Is this right? Is it just between man and man? Congregations should never forget that the Holy Saviour expects and demands that His servants be fairly treated—to say the very least—and part of this is a kind appreciation of their services.

THE REFORMATION FESTIVAL.

This is October 31st. The day is not so much observed and honored in the Reformed as in the Lutheran Church; but it deserves great notice, for on the evening of that day, in 1517, Luther nailed his noted ninety-five theses to the door of the Electoral Church in Wittenberg, Germany—his first public attack on the errors of the Roman Catholic Church.

Read and study the history of the Reformation, and you will plainly see these four facts:

1) *How necessary it was.* The people were very ignorant of the Scriptures, and their priests were notoriously wicked.

2) *God had prepared the way for a great work.* He had Reformers before the Reformation; and printing was invented just in time to be of great service in spreading the truth.

3) *The Reformation was universal.* It arose in Switzerland and Germany in 1516 and 1517, but very soon spread all over Europe. What better evidence of God's hand in it than this?

4) *Its gradual progress.* Step by step Zwingli, Luther, Calvin and others were led on, much farther than they at first expected to go, and truly by a way they knew not. It cost much time, even blood and tears, but God has owned it.

TAKE YOUR CERTIFICATE.

One bad custom in some parts of the Church is this, that members moving from one charge to another, do not remove their membership.

Now, the Constitution of our Church, in article 130, says: "Members of the Church removing from the bounds of one congregation to those of another, shall obtain a certificate of membership and dismission, and connect themselves at the earliest opportunity with the congregation to whose bounds they have removed."

Hence, the congregation to which they move has a right to expect them to do so; and it is a plain duty, too, because members have no proper right to church privileges so long as they refuse to stand in right relation to the congregation.

Their own pastor, too, should urge them to take their certificate of dismission. Instead of this lawful, orderly and just way, however, many members care not to be dismissed, and many pastors even try to hold their members.

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1879.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 All Saints	Prov. 9:	6 58	12	♃ south 7 54 ♋	16	6 50	5 10	3 16
44] *4th Sunday before Advent,*		Matt. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 18 *min.*				
Sunday	2 Victorinus	John 21: 1–23	7 55	25	♀ rises 3 40 ♌	16	6 51	5 9	5 56
Monday	3 Pirminus	1 John 1: 2:	8 59	8	♆ Neptune ☉	16	6 53	5 7	4 43
Tuesday	4 John a Bengel	" 3:	10 7	21	♄ rises 6 40	16	6 54	5 6	5 31
Wednesday	5 Hans Egede	" 4:	11 16	11	♄ south 10 37	16	6 55	5 5	6 20
Thursday	6 Gustav. Adolph's	" 5:	morn.	17	7* south 12 51 ♍.	16	6 56	5 5	6 54
Friday	7 Willibrord	2 John	12 28	1	7th. Sirius r. 10 48	16	6 57	5 3	7 41
Saturday	8 Willehad	3 John	1 39	16	Aldebaran so. 1 35	16	6 58	5 2	8 38
45] *3d Sunday before Advent,*		Matt. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 2 *min.*				
Sunday	9 John v. Staupitz	Rev. 1:	2 29	1	☿ in ♎. ♄ in ♎.	16	6 59	5 1	9 32
Monday	10 Martin Luther	" 2:	3 10	16	☌ ☽ ☿. ☿ rises 3 29	16	7 0	5 0	10 22
Tuesday	11 Martin of Tours	" 3:	4 19	1	♃ south 7 24	16	7 1	4 59	11 21
Wednesday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 4: 5; 6:	5 28	15	♂ ♄ ☉. ♄ south 11 49	16	7 2	4 58	12 20
Thursday	13 Arcadius	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	☽ sets	29	13th. ☽ in per.	16	7 3	4 57	1 15
Friday	14 Pet. Mart. Vern.	" 9: 13-10; 11:	5 10	14	Rigel rises 8 28	15	7 4	4 56	1 57
Saturday	15 John Kepler	" 12: 13:	6 15	28	☌ ☽ ☿. ♄ so. 10 2 ♋	15	7 5	4 55	2 43
46] *2d Sunday before Advent,*		Matt. 25: 31–46; 2 Thess. 3: 1–10.			*Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 48 *min.*				
Sunday	16 Casp. Creuziger	Rev. 14: 1-13	7 21	12	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	15	7 6	4 54	3 31
Monday	17 Bernward	" 14: 14–20	8 26	25	♃ south 6 59	15	7 7	4 53	4 20
Tuesday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 15:	9 32	8	♎. ♀ rises 3 20	15	7 8	4 52	5 10
Wednesday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 16: 1–8	10 35	19	♄ south 11 32	14	7 9	4 51	5 55
Thursday	20 John Williams	" 16: 9–21	11 39	1	20th. ☉ enters ♑	14	7 10	4 50	6 44
Friday	21 Columbanus	" 17:	morn.	13	☌ ☽ ♃. ☿ gr. Elon. East	14	7 11	4 49	7 34
Saturday	22 John Oecolampadius	" 18:	12 46	25	☿ sets 5 33	14	7 12	4 48	8 26
47] *1st Sunday before Advent,*		Matth. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3: 3–14.			*Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 34 *min.*				
Sunday	23 Clemens Roman.	Rev. 19: 1–10	1 59	7	Orion rises 7 23	13	7 13	4 47	9 16
Monday	24 John Knox	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	3 12	19	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 9 30	13	7 14	4 46	10 12
Tuesday	25 Catharine	" 20: 4–15	4 16	1	☿ rises 3 18	13	7 15	4 45	10 49
Wednesday	26 Conrad	" 21: 1–8	5 24	13	□ ♃ ☾. ♃ south 6 29	12	7 16	4 44	11 34
Thursday	27 Marg't Blaurer	" 21: 9–22	6 22	26	☽ in apo. ☌ ☽ ♄	12	7 17	4 43	12 22
Friday	28 Alex. Roussel	Psalm 96	☽ rise	8	28th. ♄ south 11 4	12	7 17	4 43	1 16
Saturday	29 Satarinus	" 145	5 20	21	♃ sets 11 14	11	7 18	4 42	2 6
48] *1st Sunday in Advent,*		Matt. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 11–14.			*Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 24 *min.*				
Sunday	30 St. Andrew	John 1: 1-14	6 28	4	☿ stationary ♌	11	7 18	4 42	2 46

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter.	7th,	12	o'clock,	56	min., morning.
New Moon,	13th,	7	"	38	" evening.
First Quarter,	20th,	1	"	56	" afternoon.
Full Moon,	28th	3	"	59	" evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, rainy; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, moderate; 9, 10, cloudy; 11, rain; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, variable; 17, cloudy; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, showers; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, 28, cold, rain, snow; 29, 30, clear, c'ld.

(♂). Mars is in apposition with the Sun, the 12th of this month, and shines all night.

How nice, when boys and girls are fond of books! They have so much pleasure on long evenings and rainy days. But some people do not take good care of books. They toss them about like so much trash, and spoil them more that they use them.

AN OLD THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

The Congress of the United States in October, 1779, adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several States, to appoint Thursday, the 9th of December next, to be a day of public and solemn thanksgiving to Almighty God for his mercies, and of prayer for the continuance of his favor and protection to these United States; to beseech him that he would be graciously pleased to influence our public councils, and bless them with wisdom from on high, with unanimity, firmness and success; that he would go forth with our hosts, and crown our armies with victory; that he would grant to his church the plentiful effusion of divine grace, and pour out his Holy Spirit on all ministers of the gospel; that he would bless and prosper the means of education, and spread the light of Christian knowledge through the remotest corners of the earth; that he would smile upon the labors of his people, and cause the earth to bring forth her fruits in abundance, that we may with gratitude and gladness enjoy them; . . . that he would in mercy look down upon us, pardon our sins, and receive us into his favor; and finally, that he would establish the independence of these United States upon the basis of religion and virtue, and support and protect them in the enjoyment of peace, liberty and safety."

Study these words carefully. They sound very much as if that old Congress had been a Christian body. Why cannot our rulers now frame such sentences? Have they a different spirit, or are they afraid?

"WATCH, THEREFORE."

"Behold the Bridegroom cometh in the middle of the night,
And blest is he whose loins are girt, whose lamp is burning bright;
But woe to that dull servant whom the Master shall surprise,
With lamp untrimmed, unburning, and with slumber in his eyes.

Beware, my soul; beware, beware, lest thou in slumber lie,
And, like the five, remain without, and knock, and wait, and cry;
But watch, and bear thy lamp undimmed, and Christ shall gird thee on,
His own bright wedding-robe of light—the glory of the Son."

Foolish virgins are all around us. Many people profess to be friends of the Bridegroom, but care not for His coming, and will some day be startled by the cry, "Behold, He cometh."

Many young people in the Church are living very carelessly. Many older are full of business and care, cumbered with much serving, and seem not to know that the night cometh.

"Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," is a very joyful and sacred privilege of Christians. During the year some dear saints have gone to heaven. They wait there, while we watch and wait here. But soon the waiting will end, and the cry will be made, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." Then all faithful souls shall rise to meet Him, and with joy shall enter in with Him to the marriage-feast.

But what of those who are not His friends?—who have never waited for Him?—who have not so much as honored Him here? They will be shut out.

FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Now the evenings are getting long, and you must stay in the house. Have the good habit of using your evenings in reading and study. You may do much in a single winter. Have a book always at hand. Have the place marked with a slip of paper, and begin right there. Even if you can read only half an hour do that. Years are made up of half hours, and life of little things. Read your Bible daily, in short parts. Read the Church paper. Have your hymn-book near, and read or sing a hymn. Do this, and see how pleasantly the winter will pass away, and how much you will learn in six months.

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1879.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Moon's Phases, Aspects of Planets, &c.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Eligius	Gen. 2: 4-25	7 40	18	□ ☌ ☉. ♀ rises 3 24	11	7 19	4 41	3 34
Tuesday	2 John Ruysbruck	Matt. 19: 1-12	8 51	3	♂. ♄ south 10 56	10	7 19	4 41	4 26
Wednesday	3 Gerhard Groot	Eph. 5: 22-33	9 59	17	♃ sets 11 1	10	7 20	4 40	5 14
Thursday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen	1 Cor. 7:	11 16	1	♀ gr. Elon. West	10	7 20	4 40	5 46
Friday	5 Crispin	Gen. 3:	morn.	16	7* south 10 52	9	7 21	4 39	6 30
Saturday	6 Nicholas	" 8: 15-9: 17	12 29	29	6th. Sirius r. 8 48	9	7 21	4 39	7 16

49] *2d Sunday in Advent,* Luke 21: 25–33; Rom. 15: 4–13. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 min.*

Sunday	7 Paulus Odontius	Acts 17: 15-34	1 31	13	♄ south 8 46	8	7 22	4 38	7 58
Monday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Gen. 15:	2 10	26	♁ south 10 45	8	7 22	4 38	8 46
Tuesday	9 Benj. Schmolk	Deut. 5:	2 59	9	☿ in Perihelion	7	7 23	4 37	9 40
Wednesday	10 Paul Eber	Exodus 12:	3 40	22	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 3 26	7	7 23	4 37	10 37
Thursday	11 Hen. v. Zutphen	Deut. 27:	4 59	5	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior	7	7 23	4 37	11 31
Friday	12 Vicelin	Romans 7:	6 10	18	☽ in per. ♂ ☽ ☿	6	7 24	4 36	12 27
Saturday	13 Odilia	Leviticus 16:	☽ sets	0	13th. ♀ in Per.	6	7 24	4 36	1 22

50] *3d Sunday in Advent,* Matt. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	14 Dioscorus	Is. 40: John 5:	5 44	12	♐ stationary	5	7 25	4 35	2 11
Monday	15 Christiana	1 Pet. 1: 3–12	6 50	24	♁ south 10 24	5	7 25	4 35	3 .6
Tuesday	16 Adelheid	2 Samuel 7:	7 46	6	♌. ♁ stationary	4	7 25	4 35	3 46
Wednesday	17 *Ember Day*	Joel 3:	8 49	18	♀ rises 3 34	4	7 25	4 35	4 34
Thursday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	Jeremiah 23:	9 59	0	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 10 6	3	7 25	4 35	5 16
Friday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	" 31:	11 7	12	Sirius rises 7 47	3	7 25	4 35	5 50
Saturday	20 Abraham	Isa. 52: 13–53:	morn.	24	20th. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2	7 25	4 35	6 31

51] *4th Sunday in Advent,* John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 8 min.*

Sunday	21 Thomas	John 3: 23–36	12 14	6	♂ ☽ ♄. ☉ enters ♑ Shortest Day	2	7 26	4 34	7 20
Monday	22 Hugh McKail	Isaiah 42:	1 18	18	Winter commences	1	7 25	4 35	8 12
Tuesday	23 Anna du Bourg	" 49:	2 21	2	♁ south 9 59	1	7 25	4 35	9 6
Wednesday	24 Adam and Eve	" 11: 1–10	3 26	14	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♃	sun	7 25	4 35	9 47
Thursday	25 *Christmas*	Isa. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1	4 39	28	♀ rises 3 38	sl'w	7 25	4 35	10 40
Friday	26 Stephen	Psalm 2: & 110:	5 43	12	♄ south 7 44	1	7 25	4 35	11 35
Saturday	27 St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	6 50	27	♃ sets 9 30	1	7 25	4 35	12 26

52] *Sunday after Christmas,* Matt. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–7. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	28 Innocents	Col. 1:	☽ rise	12	28. Orion so. 11 20	2	7 25	4 35	1 20
Monday	29 David	Rom. 8:	6 30	27	♂. ☿ rises 6 34	2	7 24	4 36	2 11
Tuesday	30 Christ'n of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	7 46	12	☿ gr. Elon. West	3	7 24	4 36	2 58
Wednesday	31 John Wiclif	Psa. 90: & 103:	9 1	27	□ ♄ ☉. ☉ in Perigee	3	7 24	4 36	3 42

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 6th, 2 o'clock, 45 min. afternoon.
New Moon, 13th, 6 " 6 " morning.
First Quarter, 20th, 6 " 14 " "
Full Moon, 28th, 11 " 13 " forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy, cold; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, rain and snow; 8, 9, 10, clear, cold; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, 22, cold; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, snow; 29, 30, 31 cold.

Do you know how beautiful the snow is? Have you ever seen it under a microscope? What lovely stars, diamonds and angles! God sends it, says Job (37: 6), and all God's works are beautiful.

THE OLD YEAR.

The New Year has become old. All its days have passed away. How solemnly we are admonished, by the close of 1879, to work hard while the day lasts, to pray earnestly for God's blessing upon our work, and patiently to wait for its full fruit.

"Oh, Christians, how the years roll on!
Thousands to their account have gone;
Our time is short. *Work* while 'tis day;
Oh work, and wait, and watch, and pray."

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. There is much for every hand; and life at longest is short. Every Christian should daily and devoutly say, "I must be about my Father's business."

☞ For the Statistical Summary in this and last year's Almanac, the Editor makes grateful acknowledgment to Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D. of Miamisburg, O., Stated Clerk of the General Synod.

☞ Those Christians who have so little practice on earth, will hardly know how to go about the Lord's work in heaven.

A CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

NAME.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Reformed Church and Sunday-school at————auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

OBJECT.

ART. 2.—The object of this Society shall be to awaken interest in the cause of Missions; to diffuse missionary intelligence, and to secure regular weekly contributions, for the support of missions in the Reformed Church.

OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the period of one year, and may be re-elected at the option of the Society.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall presiae at all meetings, and attend to such duties as do not interfere with the relations of the pastor as President *ex-officio* and as hereafter defined.

ART. 5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the transactions of the Society, and a roll of the membership.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all monies received and disbursed, to pay out all monies as directed by the Society and to make a report to the Society at the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 7. The members of the Society shall consist of Sunday-school scholars and teachers, members of the Church and friends, who shall contribute at least one cent per week; and each member shall be furnished with a certificate of membership, provided by the Board of Missions, with the name of its officers attached and the seal of the Board.

MEETINGS.

ART. 8. There shall be monthly meetings of this Society either after divine service on Sunday, or at such other times as may be fixed on by resolution of the Society. These meetings, in connection with the transaction of business claiming attention, may be social or devotional as may seem best calculated to promote the object of the Society. At the end of the year a missiona y festival shall be held, at which, among other things, the Treasurer's report shall be made, an annual report of the progress and success of the Society shall be read by the President, missionary addresses delivered, and such other exercises observed, as wi l tend to promote the cause of missions in the congregations.

FUNDS.

ART. 9. The funds of this Society shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, established by the three Synods of the Reformed Church, the Synod of the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

ART. 10. A Standing Committee, of which the officers of the Society shall be members, shall consist of ten persons, who shall be elected annually by the Society. It shall be the duty of this committee, to interest the Society in the work of missions, to secure the names of new members, and to carry out any instructions which may be given by the Society.

THE DUTIES OF THE PASTOR.

ART. 11. The pastor shall be President *ex-officio*, preside at the meetings of the Society, whenever he shall deem it necessary; conduct all religious services, and in his absence appoint some one for that purpose, assist the members by his counsel, and endeavor to secure the co-operation of the members of the congregation.

BY-LAWS.

ART. 12. By-Laws can be adopted by this Society to meet any wants which have not herein been provided for.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

The Virginia Classis was organized at Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, May 30th, 1825, and met annually until May 16th, 1829, when they failed of a Constitutional quorum, and the Classis was dissolved.

The Classis was re-organized at Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia, November 14th, 1839. Rev. J. Heller, President, and Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower, Secretary. Rev. Wm. F. Colliflower was elected Secretary in 1840, and Rev. Jeremiah Heller in 1841. Rev. J. C. Hensell served as Stated Clerk from 1842 to 1848. Rev. H. St. John Rinker has held the offices of Stated Clerk and Treasurer from 1848 to the present.

	PLACE.		TIME.	PRESIDENT.
1st.	Friedens Church, Rockingham Co...	Va.	May 14th, 1840.....	Rev. J. C. HENSELL.
2d.	Winchester, Frederick Co.....	"	" 9th, 1841.....	" J. C. HENSELL.
3d.	St. John's Church, Augusta Co.....	"	" 14th, 1842.....	" DANIEL FEETE.
4th.	Grace Church, Page Co.....	"	" 20th, 1843.....	" D. G. BRAGONIER.
5th.	Zion's Church, Shenandoah Co.....	"	" 18th, 1844.....	" G. H. MARTIN.
6th.	McGaheysville, Rockingham Co.....	"	" 17th, 1845.....	" J. W. HOFFMIER.
7th.	Lovettsville, Loudon Co.....	"	" 16th, 1846.....	" H. St. J. RINKER.
8th.	Newport, Augusta Co.....	"	" 15th, 1847.....	" DANIEL FEETE.
9th.	Smithfield, Jefferson Co.....	"	" 20th, 1848.....	" GEO. W. WILLIARD.
10th.	Mount Crawford, Rockingham Co...	"	" 19th, 1849.....	" S. J. FETZER.
11th.	Zion's Church, Pendleton Co.....	"	" 18th, 1850.....	" DANIEL FEETE.
12th.	Union Forge, Shenandoah Co.....	"	" 17th, 1851.....	" G. H. MARTIN.
13th.	Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co.....	"	" 14th, 1852.....	" D. G. BRAGONIER.
14th.	St. John's Church, Augusta Co.....	"	" 15th, 1853.....	" J. C. HENSELL.
15th.	Zion's Church, Shenandoah Co.....	"	" 18th, 1854.....	" DANIEL FEETE.
16th.	Smithfield, Jefferson Co.....	"	" 17th, 1855.....	" G. H. MARTIN.
17th.	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co.....	"	" 16th, 1856.....	" J. C. HENSELL.
18th.	Lovettsville, Loudon Co.....	"	" 15th, 1857.....	" D. G. BRAGONIER.
19th.	Edinburg, Shenandoah Co.....	"	" 14th, 1858.....	" G. H. MARTIN.
20th.	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co.....	"	" 13th, 1859.....	" J. H. CRAWFORD.
21st.	Middlebrook, Augusta Co.....	"	" 18th, 1860.....	" J. C. HENSELL.
22d.	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co.....	"	Sept. 21st, 1861.....	" D. G. BRAGONIER.
23d.	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co.....	"	May 18th, 1866*.....	" G. H. MARTIN.
24th.	Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co.....	W. Va.	" 18th, 1867.....	" H. WISSLER.
25th.	Edinburg, Shenandoah Co.....	Va.	" 15th, 1868.....	" J. C. HENSELL.
26th.	Rockland Mills, Augusta Co.....	"	" 14th, 1869.....	" W. D. LEFEVER.
27th.	Martinsburg, Berkley Co.....	W. Va.	" 18th, 1870.....	" M. L. SHUFORD.
28th.	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co.....	Va.	" 17th, 1871.....	" JOHN LANTZ.
29th.	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co.....	"	" 15th, 1872.....	" G. H. MARTIN.
30th.	Winchester, Frederick Co.....	"	" 14th, 1873.....	" J. C. HENSELL.
31st.	St. John's Church, Augusta Co.....	"	" 15th, 1874.....	" S. N. CALLENDER, D. D.
32d.	Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co.....	W. Va.	April 15th, 1875.....	" G. H. MARTIN.
33d.	Grace Church, Shenandoah Co.....	Va.	May 18th, 1876.....	" C. G. FISHER.
34th.	Lovettsville, Loudon Co.....	"	" 17th, 1877	" J. S. LOOSE.
35th.	St. Michael's Ch., Rockingham Co...	"	" 31st, 1878.....	" J. S. LOOSE.

* Owing to the Civil War Classis failed to meet from 1862 to 1865 inclusive.

LOVETTSVILLE, Loudon Co., Va. J. F. RINKER.

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.....	Rev. D. B. ALBRIGHT.....	..... 54.....
Butler, Butler County, Pa.....	Rev. T. F. STAUFFER.....	..... 35.....

CHURCH TREASURERS.

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Treasurer of Foreign Missions.—Hon. R. F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.

Treasurer of Society for the Relief of Ministers.—Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.

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Treasurer of Board of Education.—Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

Treasurer.—T. J. Craig, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Treasurer.—John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.

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Treasurer.—Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. By Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevo'ent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregation'l Purposes.
Synod of U. S.....	8	204	430	63,081	37,224	5,357	219	3,623	1,147	50,623	559	13		2 353	468	33,730	67	$22,782	$200,717
Synod of Ohio.....	12	162	340	24,560	11,307	1.496	464	1,607	737	19,592	268	19	403	541	253	20,134	23	7,032	80,870
Synod of N. W.....	9	132	202	16,459	13,048	1,627	9	989	762	13,185	230	111	11	482	164	9,692	18	7,980	58,032
Synod of Pittsburg..	5	52	114	9,722	7.536	702	23	500	203	8,473	156	1	46	223	96	5,680	14	5.816	54,000
Synod of Potomac..	6	122	247	26,230	16,223	1,621	143	1,200	456	22,085	290	2		721	219	15,175	31	13,923	85,624
Ger. Synod of East..	5	38	36	7,736	5.655	1,520	22	537	411	6,723	63	28	52	567	37	5,571	4	4,194	52,986
Total: 6 Synods.....	45	710	1,369	147,788	90,993	12,323	880	8,456	3,716	120,681	1,566	174	512	4,887	1,237	89,982	157	$61,727	$532,229

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CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
East Pennsylvania	Lehighton, Carbon Co., Pa.	May 19th, 1879
Lebanon	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.	June 5th, 1879
Philadelphia	Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa.	June 6th, 1879
Lancaster	Litiz, Lancaster Co., Pa.	June 5th, 1879
East Susquehanna	Turbotville, Northumberland Co., Pa.	June 5th, 1879
West Susquehanna	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.	May 21st, 1879
Goshenhoppen	Wentz Church, Montgomery Co., Pa.	May 30th, 1879
Tohickon	Ridge Valley, Bucks Co., Pa.	June 2d, 1879
Westmoreland	Manor Church, Westmoreland Co., Pa.	May 30th, 1879
Clarion	Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa.	June 5th, 1879
St. Paul's	St. John's Church, Shenango Charge, Mercer Co., Pa.	June 5th, 1879
Somerset	Salem Church, Frostburg, Md.	June 4th, 1879
Allegheny	Grace Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	May 28th, 1879
Zion's	St. Jacob's Church, Emanuel's Charge, York Co., Pa.	May 16th, 1879
Maryland	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.	May 15th, 1879
Mercersburg	Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.	May 14th, 1879
Virginia	Smithfield, Jefferson Co., Va.	May 15th, 1879
North Carolina	Emanuel's Church, Davidson Co., N. C.	May 22d, 1879
San Francisco		

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NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
English.—			
The Messenger	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Weekly	1827
Christian World	Dayton, Ohio	"	1848
The Guardian	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Monthly	1850
Child's Treasury	" " " "	Semi-monthly	1859
Mercersburg Review	" " " "	Quarterly	1849
The Instructor	Dayton Ohio	Monthly	1873
Leaves of Light	" "	Semi-monthly	1873
College Days	Lancaster, Pa.	Monthly	1873
German.—			
Kirchenzeitung and Evangelist	Cleveland, Ohio	Weekly	1838
Reformirte Hausfreund	Reading, Pa.	Every other week	1866
Der Lammerhirte	Cleveland, Ohio	Monthly	1859

DEATHS OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1877 TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1878.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.	Spring of 1833	October, 1833	Boston, Mass.	Sept. 14, 1877	70
John Adam Leis	June 7, 1835	June 7, 1835	Wernersville, Pa.	Oct. 28, 1877	71
John G. Wolff	Sept., 1836	Jan. 12, 1837	Lancaster, Pa.	Jan. 22, 1878	67
C. Plüss	Emigrated from	Germany 1849	Crothersville, Ind.	Feb. 28, 1878	53
Herman Bokum	October, 1842	Dec. 5, 1843	Germantown, Pa.	Aug. 5, 1878	72
Nicholas P. Hacke, D. D.	Sept. 9, 1819	Sept. 9, 1819	Greensburg, Pa.	Aug. 25, 1878	78

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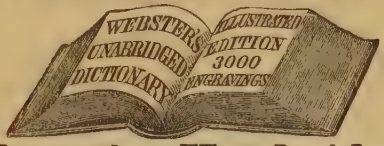

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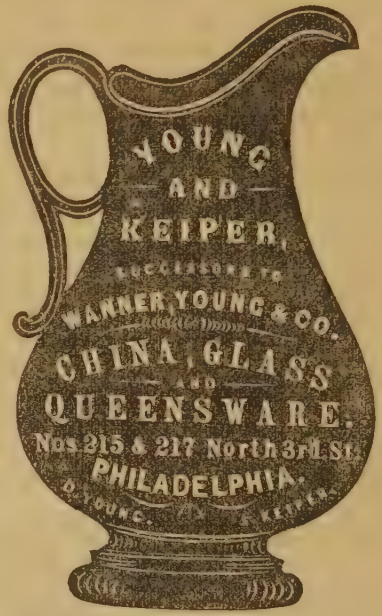

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☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. ☐ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degree distant.

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The Jewish Era, with their 5641th year, commences September 6th, 1880.
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MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Jan'y 25.	Palm Sunday, March 21.	Trinity Sunday, May 23.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb'y 8.	Easter Sunday, March 28.	Corpus Christi, May 27.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb'y 10.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 6.	1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28.
Ash Wednesday, Feb'y 11.	Whit Sunday, Pentecost, " 16.	Sundays after Trinity are 26.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

February 18. May 19. September 15. December 15.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Spring commences,	Sun enters	♈	March 20th,	12	o'clock	40	minutes, morning.
Summer commences,	" "	♋	June 20th,	9	"	8	" evening.
Autumn commences,	" "	♎	September 22d,	11	"	4	" forenoon.
Winter commences,	" "	♑	December 21st,	5	"	12	" morning.

(☽.) Moon is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1880.

There will be six Eclipses. Four of the Sun and two of the Moon.

The 1st is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, January 11th, 5 o'clock, 47 minutes in the evening. Invisible here; visible at San Francisco, and extending east as far as Kansas, where a small part will be visible towards sun set.

The 2d is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, June 22d, 8 o'clock, 50 minutes in the morning. Therefore invisible here.

The 3d is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, July 7th, 8 o'clock, 35 minutes in the morning. Here invisible; visible in South America, South Atlantic Ocean and Cape of Good Hope.

The 4th is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, December 1st, 10 o'clock, 8 minutes in the evening. Invisible here; visible on the South Sea.

The 5th is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, December 16th, 10 o'clock, 38 minutes in the forenoon. Therefore invisible.

The 6th is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, December 31st, 8 o'clock, 42 minutes in the morning. Visible at Sun rise as follows:

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Middle at 7 " 55 " morning. | 5 Digits on the north part of Sun will be eclipsed.

JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1880.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER at Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 *New Year*	1 Pet. 2: 12–19	9 42	♋ 9	♀ rises 3 42 ♈	7 23	4 37	4 28
Friday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	Philip 2: 1–12	10 41	♋ 24	♃ sets 9 6	7 23	4 37	5 14
Saturday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12–19	11 40	♌ 8	♐ south 9 0	7 23	4 37	6 2

1] *Sunday after New Year,* Luke 2: 33–40; Rom. 6: 12–18. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 min.*

Sunday	4 Titus	John 1: 29–34	morn.	♌ 23	☽ ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	7 22	4 38	6 48	
Monday	5 Simeon	" 1: 38–51	12 40	♍ 6	5th. ♄ sets 11 20	7 22	4 38	7 30	
Tuesday	6 *Epiphany*	" 2:	1 35	♍ 20	Orion so. 10 44	7 21	4 39	8 32	
Wednesday	7 Widukind	" 3:	2 36	♎ 4	♃ sets 8 51	7 21	4 39	9 28	
Thursday	8 Severinus	" 4:	3 38	♎ 18	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 3 50	7 20	4 40	10 25	
Friday	9 Catherine Zell	" 5:	4 48	♏ 1	☽ in Per. ♉	7 20	4 40	11 21	
Saturday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 6: 1–25	6 10	♏ 12	♂ ☽ ☿ ♐ souths 8 21	7 19	4 41	12 18	

2] 1*st Sunday after Epiphany,* Luke 2: 41–52: Rom. 12: 1–5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.*

Sunday	11 Fructuosus	John 6: 26–71	☽ sets	♏ 24	11th. 7* so. 8 9 ♌	7 19	4 41	1 10	
Monday	12 Jean Castellian	" 7:	6 36	♐ 7	Rigel south 9 34	7 18	4 42	1 50	
Tuesday	13 Hilary	" 8: 2–20	6 34	♐ 20	Arctur rises 11 2	7 17	4 43	2 41	
Wednesday	14 Felix	" 8: 21–50	7 33	♑ 3	Aldebaran south 8 42	7 17	4 43	3 30	
Thursday	15 John de Laski	" 9:	8 50	♑ 15	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 8 30	7 16	4 44	4 13	
Friday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 10: 1–21	9 49	♑ 27	Sirius south 10 46	7 15	4 45	4 50	
Saturday	17 Anthony	" 10: 22–42	10 46	♒ 10	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 10 41	7 14	4 46	5 40	

3] 2*d Sunday after Epiphany,* John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 34 min.*

Sunday	18 John Blackader	Mark 1: 1–20	11 41	♒ 22	♀ rises 4 30	7 13	4 47	6 20	
Monday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 1: 21–45	morn.	♓ 4	19th. Spica rises 11 44	7 12	4 48	7 10	
Tuesday	20 Fabian	" 2:	12 48	♓ 15	Nep. sta. ☉ enters ♒ ♂ ☽ ♐	7 11	4 49	7 47	
Wednesday	21 Agnes	" 3: 1–19	1 41	♓ 28	☽ in apo. ♐ south 7 39	7 10	4 50	8 44	
Thursday	22 Vincent	" 3: 20–35	2 37	♈ 11	☿ in Aphelion	7 10	4 50	9 40	
Friday	23 Isaiah	" 4:	3 34	♈ 23	Orion south 9 21	7 9	4 51	10 21	
Saturday	24 Timothy	" 5: 6: 1-6	4 29	♉ 7	Regulus south 10 38 ♌	7 8	4 52	10 56	

4] *Septuagesima Sunday,* Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor 9: 24-27 & 10: 1-5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 46 min.*

Sunday	25 *Paul's convers.*	Luke 3:	5 24	♈ 20	♃ sets 8 3	7 7	4 53	11 48	
Monday	26 Polycarp	" 4:	6 10	♉ 4	♄ sets 10 18 ♍	7 6	4 54	12 27	
Tuesday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 5:	☽ rise	♉ 19	27th. ♀ rises 4 14	7 5	4 55	1 20	
Wednesday	28 Charlemagne	" 6: 1–19	6 42	♊ 3	Spica rises 9 10	7 4	4 56	2 0	
Thursday	29 Juventin	" 6: 20–49	7 49	♊ 18	♅ Neptune ☉	7 3	4 57	2 30	
Friday	30 Henry Müller	" 7:	9 1	♋ 4	Rigel south 8 18.	7 2	4 58	3 18	
Saturday	31 Hans Sachs	" 8:	10 15	♋ 18	Capella south 8 12	7 1	4 59	4 8	

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 5th, 10 o'clock, 47 min., morning.
New Moon, 11th, 5 " 38 " evening.
First Quarter, 19th, 1 " 39 " morning.
Full Moon, 27th, 5 " 11 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, moderate; 3, 4, rain and snow; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, cold; 9, 10, snow; 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, mild; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, rain and snow; 21, 22, 23, coldest days; 24, 25, moderate; 26, rain; 27, 28, cold; 29, cloudy; 30, 31, cold.

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Danville, Va	"	17	"
Wilmington, N. C	"	9	"
Cincinnati, O	"	37	"
Cleveland, O.	"	26	"
Columbus, O.	"	31	"
Indianapolis, Ind	"	43	"
Terre Haute, Ind	"	49	"
Chicago, Ill	"	50	"
Jacksonville, Ill	"	1 hour, 00	"
Dubuque, Iowa	"	" 2	"
Milwaukee, Wis	"	51	"
Detroit, Mich	"	31	"
St. Louis, Mo	"	1 hour, 00	"
Jefferson City, Mo	"	" 8	"
Kansas City, Mo	"	" 18	"
St. Josephs, Mo	"	" 17	"

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Most of this money was due the pastor, and the poor man was full of debts. When the Joint-Consistory met, the sum due him was found to be $332.

The deacons complained about the hard times, and about the low price of produce, and said that the people had not been paying up.

What was to be done? What should have been done? I will tell you what was done, though you may perhaps hear more about it in the day of judgment.

The elders, deacons and members, who had homes of their own, and something laid by for a rainy day, *kept quiet.* The pastor, who for years had borne great burdens, was now expected to bear yet another.

So the pastor said: "Well, brethren, I must have money If you will in some way arrange at once to pay me $300, I will throw off the $32."

That was a good chance. Elder Easy made a motion, and deacon Sharp seconded it, to accept the proposition, and all voted for it, and so the pastor got ninety per cent. of his just, hard earned and long due half-year's salary.

So they paid him. That was brave and self-denying in the pastor; but was it noble and honest in his officers? Was it not unjust on their part? Was it not mean to take advantage of his need? Was not this a plain case of usury—of extortion? How could men, who were sworn to lift burdens from the minister of Christ, deliberately lay such a burden upon him? He was paid at a "shave" of ten per cent.

This, mark you, is no fancy sketch. This very thing is often done; but honest, fair, faithful Church officers will scorn to stoop to such a cruel trick.

☞ It is the duty of the Consistory to protect those who try to do their duty. Whip up the laggards. Make it hot for lazy ones. If they will not work, at all events make it uncomfortable for them.

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 29 Days.* 1880.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
5] *Sexagesima Sunday,*		Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-33 & 12: 1-9.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 0 *min.*				
Sunday 1	Ignatius	Luke 9: 1–36	11 22	♒ 3	☿ rises 4 26 ♓	14	7 05	0	4 48
Monday 2	*Candle Mass*	" 9: 37–62	morn.	♒ 16	♃ sets 7 46	14	6 59	5 1	5 44
Tuesday 3	Ansgar	" 10:	12 30	♓ 0	3d. ☽ south 6 56	14	6 58	5 2	6 41
Wednesday 4	Rhaban. Maurus	" 11:	1 40	♓ 14	♄ sets 10 2	14	6 56	5 4	7 39
Thursday 5	P. S. Spener	" 11:37-12:1-12	2 35	♓ 27	Orion south 8 30 ♋	14	6 55	5 5	8 37
Friday 6	Amandus	" 12: 13–59	3 30	♈ 10	☽ in per.	14	6 54	5 6	9 34
Saturday 7	George Wagner	" 13: 1–21	4 29	♈ 22	♂ ☽ ☿ ☿ rises 4 36	14	6 53	5 7	10 31
6] *Quinquagesima Sunday,*		Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–43.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 16 *min.*				
Sunday 8	Maria Andrea	Luke 13: 22–35	5 27	♉ 5	Spica rises 10 24 ♌	14	6 52	5 8	11 26
Monday 9	John Hooper	" 14:	6 12	♉ 17	Sirius south 9 06	15	6 51	5 9	12 23
Tuesday 10	*Shrove Tuesday*	" 15:	☽ sets	♉ 29	10th. ♂ ☽ ☿	15	6 50	5 10	1 21
Wednesday 11	*Ash Wednesday*	" 16:	6 42	♊ 11	Regulus so. 7 28	15	6 48	5 12	2 9
Thursday 12	Lady Jane Grey	" 17: 1–19	7 43	♊ 22	☿ gr.Hel. Lat.s. ♂ ☽ ♃	15	6 47	5 13	2 44
Friday 13	C. F. Schwartz	" 17: 20–37	8 48	♋ 3	♃ sets 7 21	15	6 46	5 14	3 34
Saturday 14	Brun. of Querfu't	" 18: 1–30	9 54	♋ 15	♂ ☽ ♄ ♂ ☿ ☉ Superior.	14	6 45	5 15	4 22
7] 1*st Sunday in Lent,*		Matt. 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 32 *min.*				
Sunday 15	Jacob von Loh	Luke 18: 31-19: 1-28	11 2	♋ 27	☿ rises 4 50	14	6 44	5 16	5 10
Monday 16	Matth. Desübas	" 19: 29-20: 1-18	morn.	♌ 9	♄ sets 9 41	14	6 42	5 18	5 49
Tuesday 17	Pat. Hamilton	" 20: 19-21: 1-4	12 10	♌ 21	17th. ☽ sets 12 28	14	6 41	5 19	6 35
Wednesday 18	*Emberday*	" 21: 5-35	12 59	♍ 3	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ☽	14	6 39	5 21	7 22
Thursday 19	Mesrob	" 22: 1–30	1 40	♍ 15	☉ enters ♓	14	6 38	5 22	8 12
Friday 20	Sadoth	" 22: 31–71	2 32	♍ 29	Capella south 6 52 ♋	14	6 37	5 23	8 49
Saturday 21	Mainrod	" 23:	3 20	♎ 9	♃ sets 7 2	14	6 36	5 24	9 36
8] 2*d Sunday in Lent,*		Matt. 15: 21–28; 1 Thes. 4: 1–8.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 50 *min.*				
Sunday 22	*Washington B.*	Mark 10: 32–52	4 12	♎ 21	Arctur rises 8 34	14	6 35	5 25	10 26
Monday 23	B. Ziegenbalg	" 11:	4 48	♏ 3	☐ ☽ ☉ ♉	14	6 33	5 27	11 24
Tuesday 24	Matthias	" 12:	5 30	♏ 15	☿ rises 4 56	14	6 32	5 28	12 21
Wednesday 25	Casp. Olevianus.	" 13:	☽ rise	♏ 28	25th. ♂ ♅ ☉	13	6 31	5 29	1 19
Thursday 26	Berthold Haller	" 14: 1–54	6 48	♐ 13	☽ sets 12 10	13	6 29	5 31	1 55
Friday 27	Martin Bucer	" 14: 55-15: 1-15	7 56	♐ 27	♄ sets 9 14	13	6 28	5 32	2 45
Saturday 28	Jno. deMon. Corv.	" 15: 16-47	8 59	♑ 12	7* sets 12 22	13	6 27	5 33	3 34
9] 3*d Sunday in Lent,*		Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 8 *min.*				
Sunday 29	Ethelbert	Matt. 20: 17–33	10 13	♑ 47	Sirius south 7 54	13	6 26	5 34	4 30

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 3d, 10 o'clock, 37 min., forenoon.
New Moon, 10th, 6 " 16 " morning.
First Quarter, 17th, 10 " 44 " evening.
Full Moon, 25th, 8 " 20 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, moderate; 5, 6, rain and snow; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, cloudy, with snow; 15 16, 17, 18, cold; 19, 20, moderate; 21, 22, snow; 23, 24, clear, cold; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, snow; 29, cold.

(☿.) Venus is Morning Star till July 13th 7 o'clock 10 min., evening. Then Evening Star to the end of the year.

The story of Daniel has many lessons for the young. He had great moral courage. In danger God was his helper. Every one of us is at some time in trial, but God delivers the faithful. (Ps. 57 : 4.)

THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS.

The first annual report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church was made at the Synod at York, Pa., in 1827. It reported only two items:

The Board had begun to issue monthly, the *Magazine of the German Reformed Church*, which has since grown into the eight-page weekly *Messenger*.

2.) The organization of three auxiliary Societies, namely, in the churches at Frederick, Md., and Germantown and Philadelphia, Pa.

What a humble beginning. The Board seems to have had neither missions, men, nor money.

WHAT PLAN IS BEST?

What is the best way to raise money for missions and other Church work?

Some methods are, to say the least, very poor, unbecoming, low, unchurchly and utterly unworthy of the sacred cause (and even of the sacred *place* also): for example, strawberry festivals, fairs, suppers, mush and milk entertainments, pumpkin-pie follies, and a host of others like them. If you want a little fun, or a good social time, have it of course, but not mixed up with the sacred interests of the kingdom of Christ.

The public auctioneering plan ("Who will give ten dollars? How many will put down five? Three? One?") is undignified and far removed from the spirit of grateful giving from sacred principle. There is in it too much fleshly excitement and the spirit of rivalry. Then, too, to raise a large amount once a year is not a good plan; because our alms-giving, like our praying, should be repeated and continuous.

Some of the following methods are good and some are better:

1). The *Apostolic* plan of giving every Lord's Day in public worship (1 Cor. 16: 2), based on the Old Testament custom of honoring the Lord with our substance when we stand in the holy place. This without doubt, is the very best plan, because it is divinely appointed.

2). Other congregations give alms mainly *when the Lord's Supper is celebrated.* These eucharistic alms are a very sacred thank-offering to God, and are to be so used.

3). Others gather their alms *mainly at special seasons* (Harvest Home, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, Anniversary Day, &c., &c.), when the people are warmed up to earnest and intelligent gratitude by a special sermon.

4). Some pastors take the *subscription* plan. It may seem strange but it is true, that from three to five times as much can be raised in this way as by the collection plan. So many, who would put only a small amount into the basket, will cheerfully subscribe at home or in the church very much larger sums. These amounts can be paid in at the Communion, or at any other time of public worship. Give the people each four envelopes, and let them give these subscribed alms quarterly, and you unite the merits of both plans, the subscription and the collection.

5). The *Missionary-box-at-home* plan is good, especially if a family is careful to give the Lord part of all their income. We should give as regularly and freely as we pray. Often, when we have received some special blessing, we would like to give a special thank-offering. Such a box before the eyes of children is a constant challenge to do the Lord's work.

MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1880.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1	Suidbert	Matt. 21:	11 26	14	♄ sets 8 50 ♓	13 6	25 5	35 5	24
Tuesday	2	John Wesley	" 22:	morn.	27	☽ in per.	12 6	24 5	36 6	12
Wednesday	3	Bathilde	" 23:	12 35	11	3d. Sirius so: 7 44	12 6	23 5	37 6	49
Thursday	4	Geo. Wishart	" 24: 1–31	1 30	24	♪ sets 12 1 ♉	12 6	21 5	39 7	37
Friday	5	Thos. Aquinas	" 24: 31–51	2 15	7	☿ in Perihelion	12 6	20 5	40 8	25
Saturday	6	Fridolin	" 25:	2 54	20	♃ sets 6 40	11 6	19 5	41 9	24
10]		*4th Sunday in Lent,*	John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 26 *min.*				
Sunday	7	Perpetua	Matt. 26: 1–13	3 44	3	Orion south 6 36 ♌	11 6	17 5	43 10	23
Monday	8	Zach. Ursinus	" 26: 14–35	4 35	16	♂ ☽ ♀. 7* sets 11 52	11 6	16 5	44 11	22
Tuesday	9	Cyrillus	" 26: 36–56	5 20	28	Arctur rises 7 38	11 6	15 5	45 12	20
Wednesday	10	40 Martyrs at Sebaste	" 26: 57; 27: 1–2	☽ sets	10	10th. ☿ sets 6 30	11 6	13 5	47 1	16
Thursday	11	Wm. Hoseus	" 27: 3–31	7 10	22	♂ ☽ ♃. ☿ gr. elong. East.	10 6	12 5	48 1	54
Friday	12	Greg. the Great	" 27: 32–50	8 10	4	☽ ♂ ☿ ♄. ♀ rises 4 50	10 6	11 5	49 2	42
Saturday	13	Rudericus	" 27: 51–56	9 6	16	♄ sets 8 21	10 6	10 5	50 3	31
11]		*5th Sunday in Lent,*	John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 44 *min.*				
Sunday	14	Matilda	John 11:	9 59	27	Spica rises 8 15	9 6	8 5	52 4	15
Monday	15	Thos. Cranmer	" 12:	10 46	9	♂ ♃ ☉	9 6	7 5	53 4	56
Tuesday	16	Heribert	" 13: 1–30	11 39	21	♪ sets 11 49	9 6	6 5	54 5	44
Wednesday	17	St. Patrick	" 13: 31–14	morn.	3	♂ ☽ ♪. ☽ in apo.	9 6	4 5	56 6	30
Thursday	18	Alexander	" 15:	12 32	15	18th. ☿ stationary	8 6	2 5	58 7	12
Friday	19	Mary & Martha	" 16:	1 29	28	Orion sets 12 16 ♓	8 6	1 5	59 7	52
Saturday	20	Ambrose of Sien	" 17:	2 14	11	☉ enters ♈ Days and Nights Equal.	8 6	0 6	0 8	36
12]		*Palm Sunday,*	John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–11.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 4 *min.*				
Sunday	21	Benedict	Lam. Jeremiah	2 59	24	♉ Spring commences	7 5	58 6	2 9	16
Monday	22	Nich v. d. Flüe	Heb. 8:	3 13	7	♄ sets 7 59	7 5	57 6	3 9	56
Tuesday	23	Wolfgang	" 9:	3 59	21	Regulus south 9 47	7 5	56 6	4 10	43
Wednesday	24	Florentius	" 10:	4 29	6	Antares rises 11 41	6 5	55 6	5 11	30
Thursday	25	*Maund. Thurs.*	John 6:	4 59	21	♪ sets 11 36	6 5	54 6	6 12	25
Friday	26	*Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32–49	☽ rise	6	26th. Pollux south 7 18	6 5	52 6	8 1	20
Saturday	27	Rupertus	Heb. 4:	7 59	21	7* sets 10 51	6 5	51 6	9 2	11
13]		*Easter Sunday,*	John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 20 *min.*				
Sunday	28	*Easter Sunday*	John 20: 1–18	9 10	7	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior	5 5	50 6	10 2	50
Monday	29	*Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1–12	10 25	22	☽ in per. ♀ rises 4 41.	5 5	48 6	12 3	41
Tuesday	30	John Heermann	Acts 2: 22–47	11 30	6	Sirius sets 11 5	5 5	47 6	13 4	32
Wednesday	31	Ernest the Pious	1 Cor. 15:	morn.	20	Orion sets 11 31	4 5	46 6	14 5	21

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2d,	6	o'clock,	5	" evening.
New Moon,	10th,	7	"	45	" "
First Quarter,	18th,	7	"	35	" "
Full Moon,	26th,	8	"	22	" morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, winds; 4, 5, snow; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, 11, cloudy, rainy and snow; 12, 13, clear, cold; 14, 15, moderate; 16, 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, N. W. winds; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, rain; 26, 27, clear, stormy; 28, 29, cold; 30, 31, fair.

(♃.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun the 15th of this month, and cannot be seen.

You can find the meaning of this in NUM. 35: 9-32. Christ is now our only refuge.

HOW DO YOU LOOK AT CHRIST'S DEATH?

Some think of the death of Christ as a matter of course. He had to die, and could easily do it. Being divine, He was strong, and so His sufferings were rather a make-believe, than a reality.

This view is cold and heartless. It can never call out our love and sympathy. The Cross then is a sham, and all the sweetness and glory of Calvary are a pretence.

The other and the right view of the death of Christ, is, to think of it as the great and noble self-sacrifice of a Friend for His enemies, giving His life for theirs (ROM. 5: 6–8), with real suffering, because He loved us (Is. 53: 4-6). How this calls out our love and thankfulness! Let the touching story of Good Friday stir every heart to new penitence and stronger faith.

"O love divine, how sweet thou art!
When shall I find my willing heart
All taken up by thee?"

EASTER SERVICES.

How joyful these are! Two services a week through Lent; daily service during Passion Week; early and late service on Good Friday; so on Easter Sunday; special catechization for weeks before; Confirmation on Palm Sunday, Good Friday or Easter; special alms giving, and the Lord's Supper; the richest flowers; the best music; —oh the joy of Easter!

FIRST EASTER-EVE.

BY LILLIE E. BARR.

In old Jerusalem 'twas Easter-Eve,
But its glad joy-bells in no heart did chime,
Nor royal pomp, nor priestly rites relieve
The strange dumb sadness of that waiting time;
Through all her streets and gates men silence kept,
And in her chambers, women moaned and wept.

What song of singing girls, what trumpet call,
Could comfort hearts that held a cold despair!
For sacrificial smoke hung like a pall
O'er Roman citadel and temple stair;
And every eye was dropped, lest it should see
That empty cross upon dread Calvary.

Then in a garden still and sweet with flowers,
Two women wept beside a fast-sealed tomb,
Low wept and watched through many weary hours
For one loved voice to break the speechless gloom.
O Christ, thou wert not deaf! and thou didst see
With sweet content that loving sympathy.

Till through the dim, sweet shadows came apace
A gleam of spears, a sound of martial stir,
Helmets and shields flashed in that sacred place,
And soldiers gathered round the sepulchre.
O Mary! still beloved, well might you grieve,
Dark was the grave on that first Easter-Eve.

But oh, the glory of the Easter-Morn!
Bring lilies in both arms and joyful sing,
"Now Life and Immortality is born,
And over Sin and Death our Christ is King;
Angels are sitting in the grave's dark prison,
And we shall rise, because our Lord has risen."

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE at Tiffin, Ohio., has six professors and eighty students, besides eighty-eight students in the Academy. In the Theological Seminary are nine students.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE at Mercersburg, Pa., under the care of the Potomac Synod, has nineteen students, besides twenty in the Preparatory Department, and ten Theological students—all under seven professors.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE at Lancaster, Pa., has eighty-seven students, besides fifty in the Academy, and twenty-four in the Theological Seminary. This College, in forty-two years, has now sent out six hundred graduates.

☞ The colored brother prayed at the close of the white brother's sermon: "Lord, bress de brudder to whom we has listened to so patiently."

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h.	m.	Sun sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	m.
Thursday	1	Fritigid	Rom. 6:	12	28	♋	4	☿ rises 4 35 ☋	4	5	4	46	6	16	6	6
Friday	2	Theodosia	" 8:	1	16	♋	17	2d. Regulus south 9 15	4	5	4	36	6	17	6	52
Saturday	3	Gerh. Tersteegen	1 Cor. 3:	1	59	♌	0	☊ Aldebaran sets 10 36	3	5	4	26	6	18	7	49

4] *1st Sunday after Easter,* John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–10. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 40 *min.*

Sunday	4	Ambrose	John 1:	2	32	♌	13	♐ sets 11 30	3	5	4	06	6	20	8	45
Monday	5	Christ. Scriver	" 2:	3	10	♌	25	Sirius sets 10 44	3	5	3	96	6	21	9	41
Tuesday	6	Albert Durer	" 3:	3	49	♍	7	☿ in Aphelion	2	5	3	86	6	22	10	37
Wednesday	7	Olaus Peterson	" 4:	4	16	♍	19	☌ ☽ ☿. ☿ rises 4 32	2	5	3	76	6	23	11	31
Thursday	8	Mart. Chemnitz.	" 5:	4	38	♍	1	☌ ♄ ☉ ☽ ☌ ☿ ♃ ☌ ☿ ♃	2	5	3	56	6	25	12	24
Friday	9	Thos. v. Westen	" 6: 1–10	☽ sets		♎	13	9th. ☌ ☽ ♄	2	5	3	46	6	26	1	19
Saturday	10	Fulbert	" 6: 41–71	8	1	♎	24	☿ stationary	1	5	3	36	6	27	1	59

5] *2d Sunday after Easter,* John 10: 11–16; 1 Pet. 2: 20–25. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 56 *min.*

Sunday	11	Leo the Great	John 7:	8	59	♏	6	♃ rises 4 34 morning	1	5	3	26	6	28	2	46
Monday	12	Sebas	" 8: 1–30	9	46	♏	18	7* sets 9 46	1	5	3	16	6	29	3	34
Tuesday	13	Justin Martyr	" 8: 31–59	10	42	♏	0	Orion sets 10 47	1	5	2	96	6	31	4	22
Wednesday	14	John Eccart	" 9:	11	35	♏	12	☽ in apo.	Sun	5	2	86	6	32	5	12
Thursday	15	Simon Dach	" 10:	morn.		♏	25	☌ ☿ ☿. ☌ ☽ ♐	fast	5	2	76	6	33	6	4
Friday	16	Peter Waldo	" 11:	12	31	♐	7	♐ sets 11 24	0	5	2	56	6	35	6	50
Saturday	17	Mappalicus	" 12:	1	16	♐	20	17th. ☌ ☿ ♃	0	5	2	46	6	36	7	41

6] *3d Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 16–22: 1 Pet. 2: 11–19. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 14 *min.*

Sunday	18	Luther at Worms	John 13: 14:	1	48	♑	3	♃ rises 4 12 ♉	1	5	2	36	6	37	8	29
Monday	19	Melancthon	" 15:	2	16	♑	16	☿ in Perihelion	1	5	2	26	6	38	9	18
Tuesday	20	John Bugenhag	" 16: 17:	2	49	♒	0	☉ enters ♉	1	5	2	16	6	39	10	2
Wednesday	21	Anselm of Cant.	" 18:	3	16	♒	14	Rigel sets 9 41	1	5	2	06	6	40	10	44
Thursday	22	Origen	" 19:	3	40	♒	29	Orion sets 10 12	2	5	1	86	6	42	11	31
Friday	23	Adelbert	" 20:	4	8	♓	14	♐ sets 11 16	2	5	1	76	6	43	12	24
Saturday	24	Wilfrid	" 21:	☽ rise		♓	29	24th. 7* sets 8 59	2	5	1	66	6	44	1	17

7] *4th Sunday after Easter,* John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 30 *min.*

Sunday	25	St. Mark, Evan.	Heb. 1: 2:	8	17	♈	15	☿ gr. elong. West	2	5	1	56	6	45	1	56
Monday	26	Trudpert	" 3: 4:	9	30	♈	29	☽ in per. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	2	5	1	46	6	46	2	45
Tuesday	27	Otto Catelin	" 5: 6:	10	37	♉	15	☿ rises 4 30	2	5	1	26	6	48	3	33
Wednesday	28	Fred. Myconius	" 7:	11	32	♉	29	♃ rises 3 40 ☋	3	5	1	16	6	49	4	21
Thursday	29	L. von Berquin	" 8:	morn.		♊	13	Sirius sets 9 14	3	5	1	06	6	50	5	11
Friday	30	Geo. Calixtus	" 9:	12	18	♊	26	Spica south 10 48	3	5	0	96	6	51	5	52

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 2d, 1 o'clock, 11 min. morning.
New Moon, 9th, 10 " 6 " forenoon.
First Quarter, 17th, 2 " 13 " afternoon.
Full Moon, 24th, 5 " 49 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, thunder; 8, 9, windy; 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, warm; 16, thunder showers; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, thunder; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, frost; 28, 29, rain; 30, clear.

(☌.) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun the 8th of this month, and cannot be seen.

How pretty! Bird and baby both are happy, and crumbs for a song is fair. Sing pretty bird. Laugh happy child.

OUR ORPHAN HOMES.

Bethany Orphan Home at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., has room for 200 children; and yet it has only 55, because it cannot support more. Dozens must every year be kept out in the cold, because the Church does not give more largely to the support of the Home.

The same thing is true also of the Orphan Home at Butler, Butler Co., Pa., which also has good buildings, large room, good management, and too few children.

Do we not forget that these boys and girls will some day be men and women, and most of them an honor and a blessing to the Church, and that from these the Church will some day get back, *even in dollars*, perhaps, all she has ever paid toward these Homes? We need a little faith as well as love.

THE OFFICE OF DEACON.

The General Synod, in May 1878, adopted the report of a Committee on the Office of Deacon, and ordered it to be published as a tract and scattered through the Church. A few condensed extracts are here given:—

This office is essentially a spiritual office, and not merely a secular one. The persons to fill the office must be holy men (Acts 6: 3). Much more stress is laid upon their spiritual qualifications than upon their secular (Acts 6: 1–6; 1 Tim. 3: 8–13).

Their duties are these:—to care for the poor; to provide for the support of the ministry; to secure the erection and safety of Church property; to organize and direct the activity of the Church in the work of Missions, Education and Church extension; to press men to come into the Church (Luke 14: 16-23); and to act in the Consistory (Constitution, Art. 40).

In the election of deacons greater stress should be laid upon their spiritual qualifications, especially their spirit of self-sacrifice for the cause of Christ.

And it would be well, if the Consistory would, every three or six months, inquire what its members have done in their office: for the poor and sick; for bringing men into the Church; for the support of the congregation; for the Sunday-school and catechetical class; for the general work of the Church (Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, Publications, Orphan Homes, &c., &c.).

EATING CONSOLATION.

In some places, at funerals, a good dinner is spread, and often it is a time of feasting. This custom needs to be broken up, and some ministers are doing what they can to change it.

Once an elderly man was urging a minister to go back to the house "for refreshments," as he called it. "Go back, it will be a consolation to the family."

"I will preach consolation, father," said he; "I will sing consolation and pray it, but I will not eat consolation." Nor did he.

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Saturday	1 Philip & James	Heb. 10:	12 55	♌ 9	1st. ♂ Nep ☉. ☊. ☋	3 5	7 6 53	6 40
18] *5th Sunday after Easter,*		John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 48 min.*			
Sunday	2 Athanasius	Heb. 11:	1 25	♌ 22	♄ sets 11 8	3 5	6 6 54	7 29
Monday	3 Monica	" 12:	1 49	♍ 4	Sirius sets 8 59	3 5	5 6 55	8 18
Tuesday	4 Florian	" 13:	2 14	♍ 16	Aldebaran sets 9 35	3 5	4 6 56	9 11
Wednesday	5 Fred. the Wise	John 14:	2 39	♍ 28	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 3 14	3 5	3 6 57	9 55
Thursday	6 *Ascension Day*	Col. 2:	3 10	♎ 10	♂ ☿ ♄. Arctur so. 11 15	4 5	2 6 58	10 42
Friday	7 Otto the Great	John 15:	3 46	♎ 22	☽ ♂ ♄. ☿ ♀. ♀ rises 4 5	4 5	1 6 59	11 30
Saturday	8 Stanislaus	" 16:	4 10	♎ 4	♄ rises 3 40	4 5	0 7 0	12 26
19] *6th Sunday after Easter,*		John 15: 26–16; 16: 1; 1 Pet. 4: 7–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 2 min.*			
Sunday	9 Gr'g. Nanzianzen	1 John 1:	☽ sets	♎ 16	9th. Spica s. 10 12	4 4	59 7 1	1 22
Monday	10 John Heuglin	" 2:	8 50	♎ 28	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	4 4	58 7 2	2 12
Tuesday	11 John Arndt	" 3:	9 45	♏ 10	☽ in apo.	4 4	57 7 3	2 54
Wednesday	12 Meletius	" 4:	10 40	♏ 22	♓ stationary	4 4	56 7 4	3 41
Thursday	13 Servatius	" 5:	11 20	♐ 4	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ♌	4 4	55 7 5	4 30
Friday	14 Pachomius	Joel 3:	1 59	♐ 17	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 11 1	4 4	54 7 6	5 15
Saturday	15 Moses	John 17:	morn.	♑ 0	♉. Orion sets 8 44	4 4	53 7 7	5 59
20] *Whitsunday or Pentecost,*		John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 16 min.*			
Sunday	16 *Whitsunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1–7	12 28	♑ 13	♃ rises 2 50	4 4	52 7 8	6 45
Monday	17 *Whitmonday*	" 5:	12 59	♒ 26	17th. ♄ rises 3 0	4 4	52 7 8	7 32
Tuesday	18 80 Mart. under Val.	Romans 12:	1 25	♓ 10	Altair rises 9 34	4 4	51 7 9	8 16
Wednesday	19 *Ember Day*	1 Cor. 13:	1 59	♓ 24	♈* sets 7 39	4 4	50 7 10	8 58
Thursday	20 Val. Herberger	Rom. 6: 19–7:	2 26	♈ 9	Arctur south 10 19	4 4	49 7 11	9 51
Friday	21 Constantine	" 8:	2 58	♓ 24	☉ enters ♊	4 4	48 7 12	10 46
Saturday	22 Castus & Aemil	2 Cor 5:	3 24	♈ 9	Libra south 10 45	4 4	47 7 13	11 36
21] *Trinity Sunday,*		John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 28 min.*			
Sunday	23 Jerome Savanor	Acts 1: 2:	3 48	♈ 24	Sirius sets 7 41	4 4	46 7 14	12 31
Monday	24 Augustine Cazal	" 3:	☽ ris	♉ 9	24th. ☽ in per.	3 4	46 7 14	1 29
Tuesday	25 Augustine	" 4:	9 12	♉ 23	♊ ♈ ☉	3 4	45 7 15	2 6
Wednesday	26 Beda Venerabilis	" 5:	10 2	♊ 7	♃ rises 2 19 ♋	3 4	44 7 16	2 48
Thursday	27 John Calvin	" 6:	10 44	♊ 21	♄ sets 10 47	3 4	43 7 17	3 36
Friday	28 Lanfranc	" 7:	11 20	♋ 5	♄ rises 2 35 ☊	3 4	43 7 17	4 25
Saturday	29 David Zeisberger	" 8:	11 46	♋ 18	Orion sets 7 48	3 4	42 7 18	5 15
22] *1st Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 16: 19–21; 1 John 4: 7–21.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.*			
Sunday	30 Jer'me of Prague	1 Pet. 2: 1–10	morn.	♋ 0	30th. Antares south 11 50	3 4	41 7 19	6 5
Monday	31 Joac'm Neander	Acts 10:	12 12	♋ 12	Spica south 8 44	3 4	41 7 19	6 50

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 1st, 8 o'clock, 51 min., morning.
New Moon, 9th, 1 " 15 " "
First Quarter, 19th, 5 " 22 " "
Full Moon, 24th, 1 " 37 " "
Last Quarter, 30th, 5 " 52 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, thunder showers; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, thunder; 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, rain; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, variable, 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, rain.

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18: 20.)

FACTS ABOUT GIVING:

The poor are God's poor, and, Christian men,
God's almoners are ye;
Then as ye receive, so give again
God's beautiful charity.

Let it not be said that ye keep the bread,
And hoard His silver and gold,
While ye leave the suffering poor unfed,
To perish with want and cold.

. . . . . Dean Stanley says that the total contributions of the whole Roman Catholic Church do not equal one-third of the contributions of the Protestant churches of Great Britain.

. . . . . A big-hearted Christian of Boston, when the collection for Foreign Missions was taken in his Church, gave his usual amount of one thousand dollars, and then added a second, because the *times are so hard and the good cause ought not to suffer.*

"Nay, thank me not," the kind one said,
"'Tis to myself I've given;
Each friendly gift like this I make
A stepping-stone to heaven."

. . . . . Howard expended from his own purse an average of nearly $10,000 a year for sixteen years, in the comparatively trivial cause of Prison Discipline.

. . . . . The Communicant members of the Moravian Church annually give to Missions an average of $15 per member.

. . . . . The whole yearly outlay of the Protestant Churches of the world for Foreign Missions is $6,000,000! To see the shame of this, compare it with some other interests. The dogs of the United States cost $10,000,000; our cigars and tobacco cost $600,000,000; $1,330,000 were given by the North to the South in 1878, for the yellow fever sufferers (showing what men can do when they appreciate an emergency); a single bridge in Brooklyn costs $12,000,000; in 1876 we spent $50,000,000 in visiting the Centennial.

. . . . . The close man said, "True I don't give much, but if only you knew how it hurts when I give anything, you wouldn't wonder."

. . . . . Two things need curing. 1). *Small giving*, literally a penny collection, instead of dollars and tens and even hundreds. 2). *Only half give anything.* This is evident from the fact, that, while many give large sums, and many give small sums, the whole amount of alms is very small, showing that many give nothing.

. . . . . "I have no small change, to-day," says one. You do not want small change; you want large change for the alms-basket, certainly as large a sum as you during the week will pay for some luxury!

. . . . . The American people pay $1.11 per capita for all religious purposes, $2.02 for education, and $17.41 for liquor.

. . . . . "I cannot afford it," he very honestly said; but he did not think that his one cigar a day, at five cents, cost him over $18.00 a year. How easily men could give large alms in a year, by giving small sums regularly!

. . . . . A man subscribed $100 toward a new church, but changed his mind and paid only two-thirds of it. He could not afford to pay more, he said; but soon afterward two horses died, worth $400. This he could afford. Had he never read Mal. 3: 8-12?

. . . . . At the dedication of a church, only half enough money was raised to pay the debt. A man who had given largely said: "The easiest way to fix it, is for each to double his subscription. *I double mine.*" It was soon done.

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Tuesday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	Acts 11:	12 42	♒ 24	♃ rises 1 44 ☋	3 4	40	7 20	7 41
Wednesday	2 Pothimus	" 12:	1 20	♓ 6	♂ ☿ ☉ superior. ♀ ☽ ♃	2 4	40	7 20	8 35
Thursday	3 Chlotilde	1 Pet. 2: 11-3: 1-17	1 54	♓ 18	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 1 59	2 4	39	7 21	9 30
Friday	4 Quirinus	" 3: 18-4: 16	2 24	♈ 0	♐ sets 10 37	2 4	39	7 21	10 25
Saturday	5 Boniface	" 4: 17-5:	2 59	♈ 11	Arctur south 9 14	2 4	38	7 22	11 20

23] *2d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.*

Sunday	6 Norbert	James 1:	3 35	♈ 23	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rise 3 59	2 4	38	7 22	12 18
Monday	7 Paul Gerhart	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	☽ sets	♉ 5	7th. ☽ in apo.	2 4	38	7 22	1 16
Tuesday	8 A. H. Francke	James 2:	8 30	♉ 17	♂ ☽ ☿. Libra so. 9 42	1 4	37	7 23	1 58
Wednesday	9 Columba	" 3:	9 21	♊ 0	Regulus sets 11 34 ♌	1 4	37	7 23	2 46
Thursday	10 Fred. Barbarossa	" 4:	9 54	♊ 13	♃ rises 1 11	1 4	36	7 24	3 34
Friday	11 Barnabas	" 5:	10 27	♊ 26	♂ ☽ ♁ ☍. ♁ sets 10 26	1 4	36	7 24	4 21
Saturday	12 Renata	Jude	11 1	♋ 0	Spica south 7 45	1 4	36	7 24	4 59

24] *3d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Pet. 5: 6–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	13 Isaac Le Febre	Acts 13:	11 27	♋ 23	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	0 4	35	7 25	5 40
Monday	14 Basil	" 13: 1-12	11 56	♌ 7	♄ rises 1 20	Sun 4	35	7 25	6 21
Tuesday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 14: 13-52	morn.	♌ 21	15th. 7* rises 2 40	sr w 4	35	7 25	7 11
Wednesday	16 Richard Baxter	" 15:	12 24	♍ 5	Antares so. 10 40	0 4	35	7 25	7 55
Thursday	17 John Tauler	" 16:	12 56	♍ 19	♁ in Aphelion	1 4	35	7 25	8 46
Friday	18 Pamphilus	" 17:	1 32	♎ 4	Spica sets 12 56	1 4	35	7 25	9 37
Saturday	19 Council at Nice	" 17: 15-18: 11	2 16	♎ 19	♃ rises 12 40	1 4	35	7 25	10 32

25] *4th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 52 min.*

Sunday	20 27 Martyrs	1 Thess. 1:	2 46	♎ 3	☊ ent. ♎. Longest Day	1 4	34	7 26	11 27
Monday	21 Matth. Claudius	" 2: 1-16:	3 15	♎ 17	☽ in per. Summer com.	1 4	35	7 25	12 24
Tuesday	22 Gottschalk	" 2: 17-3:	☽ rise	♏ 1	22d. ☋	1 4	35	7 25	1 21
Wednesday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 4:	8 40	♏ 15	♁ sets 10 0	2 4	35	7 25	2 11
Thursday	24 John Baptist	" 5:	9 15	♏ 29	☌. ♄ rises 12 41	2 4	35	7 25	2 57
Friday	25 Augsburg Conf.	2 " 1; 2: 1-12	9 48	♐ 12	Wega south 12 16	2 4	35	7 25	3 45
Saturday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	" 2: 13-3	10 13	♐ 25	Regulus sets 10 21	2 4	35	7 25	4 34

26] *5th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Pet. 3: 8–15. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	27 Seven Sleepers	Gala. 1: 1-10	10 40	♑ 8	Arctur south 7 44	3 4	35	7 25	5 21
Monday	28 Irenæus	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	11 2	♑ 20	Antares south 9 49	3 4	36	7 24	6 10
Tuesday	29 Peter and Paul	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	11 24	♒ 2	29th. 7* rises 1 43	3 4	36	7 24	6 54
Wednesday	30 Raymond Lully	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	11 49	♒ 14	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rise 12 5	3 4	36	7 24	7 41

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	7th,	4	o'clock, 53	min.,	afternoon.
First Quarter,	15th,	4	" 50	"	"
Full Moon,	22d,	8	" 44	"	morning.
Last Quarter,	29th,	4	" 55	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, thunder; 4, clear; 5, 6, fair; 7, thunder shower; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, 15, warm; 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, cloudy; 22, rain; 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, thunder showers.

How easy it is to throw sunshine in the path of the poor! A kind word is often better for the soul than a sale.

FACTS ABOUT GIVING—continued.

. . . . . After the Chicago fire, three friends met, two of whom had been burned out of house and home and the immense accumulations of successful lives. One said: "Well, thank God, there was some of my money placed where it couldn't burn!" He that year had given away nearly a million dollars. Money in the Lord's bank is safe.

. . . . . A young Christian banker long ago took old Jacob's pledge, "Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee," and opened an account with O. P. J. (Old Patriarch Jacob) crediting to it a tenth of all the commissions that came to his office. His alms are very large, and when asked how he can afford them, he says, "It don't cost me anything. It is the Lord's money I give."

☞ To keep people in good humor—let them have their own way.

"BENEVOLENT" MONEY.

What is "benevolent" money? The pastor says the communion collection will be for "benevolent" purposes? What are these?

Not church repairs, not insurance, not pastor's salary, not sexton's pay, not anything in the congregation itself, unless for the poor.

"Benevolent" purposes are such as lie outside the congregation:—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Extension, Orphan Homes, Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, the Theological Seminary, the College, and the poor—and also some general Christian activities outside of the denomination (such as the Tract, Bible and Aid Societies).

All our Church money falls under the general name of alms, that is, money given to the Lord and used in His service; but a distinction is made between what is spent by the congregation for its own support, and what is given for the work of the Lord abroad. This last is called "benevolent" money.

THOSE QUESTIONS.

At Classis, the delegate Elder is asked several questions, in regard to his charge, whether the gospel is preached in its purity, whether the young are properly cared for, whether family visitation is performed, whether the unworthy are kept from the Lord's table, and whether the pastor's salary is promptly paid.

Sometimes the Elder does not even know what these questions mean; and often he does not know whether to answer them yes or no. He should study them and get a full and correct answer to them, before leaving home, and then he can give full satisfaction to Classis. Some joint-consistories ask and answer these questions, at a meeting before Classis, and so the Elder speaks by official instructions.

$3,000 FOR JAPAN.

We now have a missionary in Japan, or rather two, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring and his brave wife.

It will cost $3,000 a year to support this work. Will the Reformed Church pay this sum? Ask not, can we, but rather will we, do it?

Every pastor and elder and deacon, should lay earnest hold of this work. *Interest the people in it,* and they will cheerfully support it.

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1880.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 H. Voes	Gal. 3: 15	morn.	♑ 26	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 12 0 ☋	3 4	3 6	7 24	8 39
Friday	2 Visit V. M.	" 4:	12 17	♒ 8	♁ sets 9 40	4 4	3 6	7 24	9 21
Saturday	3 Otto Bishop	" 5: 6:	12 48	♒ 20	☉ in Apogee	4 4	3 7	7 23	10 6

27] *6th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.*

Sunday	4 *Independence*	1 Cor. 1:	1 24	♓ 2	♃ rises 11 44	4 4	3 7	7 23	10 47
Monday	5 Lord Cobham	" 2:	2 8	♓ 14	☽ in apo. Antares south 9 26	4 4	3 7	7 23	11 49
Tuesday	6 John Huss	" 3:	3 1	♓ 27	☿ sets 8 8 ♍	4 4	3 8	7 22	12 59
Wednesday	7 Willabald	" 4:5-5:1-8	☽ sets	♈ 10	7th. ♂ ☽ ♀ Dog Days Begin.	4 4	3 8	7 22	1 32
Thursday	8 Kilian	" 5: 9–6	8 20	♈ 23	☿ gr. elon. East	4 4	3 9	7 21	2 12
Friday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 7:	8 55	♉ 6	♂ ☽ ♀. □ ♃ ☉. ♌	5 4	3 9	7 21	2 46
Saturday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 8: 9:	9 26	♉ 19	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ sets 9 24	5 2	4 0	7 20	3 34

28] *7th Sunday after Trinity,* Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 10–23. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min.*

Sunday	11 Placedus	1 Cor. 10: 11–1	9 56	♊ 3	♄ rises 11 21	5 4	4 0	7 20	4 22
Monday	12 Henry II.	" 11: 2	10 25	♊ 17	♃ rises 11 10	5 4	4 1	7 19	5 8
Tuesday	13 Eugenius	" 12: 1–30	10 52	♋ 1	♂ ♀ ☉ Superior	5 4	4 1	7 19	5 49
Wednesday	14 Bonaventura	" 12:31–13	11 28	♋ 16	Wega south 10 56	5 4	4 2	7 18	6 36
Thursday	15 Answer	" 14:	morn.	♋ 0	15th. 7* rises 12 34	5 4	4 3	7 17	7 31
Friday	16 Anna Askow	" 15: 1-34	12 7	♋ 14	☿ in Aphelion	6 4	4 3	7 17	8 28
Saturday	17 Separatus&11 co.	" 15: 35-16	12 52	♋ 28	Regulus sets 8 57	6 4	4 4	7 16	9 26

29] *8th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 7: 15–21; Rom. 8: 12–17. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 30 min.*

Sunday	18 Arnulf	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	1 43	♌ 13	♁ sets 9 5	6 4	4 5	7 15	10 24
Monday	19 Louisa Henrietta	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	2 44	♌ 27	♃ rises 10 39 ☋	6 4	4 6	7 14	11 22
Tuesday	20 John Martheil	" 2: 23-2	3 46	♍ 10	☽ in per. □ ♄ ☉	6 4	4 6	7 14	12 20
Wednesday	21 Eberhard	" 3: 4: 1-6	☽ rise	♍ 24	21st. ☿ stationary	6 4	4 7	7 13	1 18
Thursday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 4:7-5:10	7 50	♎ 7	♌. ○ enters ♎	6 4	4 8	7 12	1 59
Friday	23 Godfr. v Hamelle	" 5:11; 6:7: 1	8 14	♎ 20	♄ rises 10 40	6 4	4 9	7 11	2 41
Saturday	24 Thos. a. Kempis	" 7: 2	8 41	♏ 3	♀ in Perihelion	6 4	5 0	7 10	3 30

30] *9th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 1–13. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday	25 St. James	2 Cor. 8:	9 2	♏ 16	Orion rises 3 4	6 4	5 0	7 10	4 18
Monday	26 Christopher	" 9:	9 24	♏ 28	♁ sets 8 46	6 4	5 1	7 9	4 59
Tuesday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 10:	9 47	♐ 10	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 9 56	6 4	5 2	7 8	3 36
Wednesday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 11:	10 14	♐ 22	28. ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S	6 4	5 3	7 7	6 20
Thursday	29 Olaus	" 12: 1–18	10 45	♑ 4	♄ rises 10 9 [♂ ☽ ♄	6 4	5 4	7 6	6 58
Friday	30 John Wessel	" 12: 19-33:	11 22	♑ 16	Regulus rises 2 58	6 4	5 5	7 5	7 34
Saturday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	Acts 20: 1–13	morn.	♑ 28	Aldebaran rises 12 48	6 4	5 6	7 4	8 44

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	7th,	8	o'clock,	20	min., morning.
First Quarter,	15th,	1	"	14	" "
Full Moon,	21st,	4	"	1	" afternoon.
Last Quarter,	28th,	6	"	39	" evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, cloudy, sultry; 6, 7, warmest days; 8, 9, 10, thunder showers; 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, warm; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear, warm; 22, 23, fair; 24, thunder; 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, warm; 29, 30, thunder; 31, clear.

(♀.) Venus is in superior conjunction with the Sun the 13th, and passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.

The story of Ruth is beautiful, tender and true. She was faithful and brave. Such people always come out right.

FOR TEACHERS.

Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another soul wouldst reach;
It needs the overflowing heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thought
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and thy word
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

CONVENTION OF ELDERS.

Would it not be well for our Elders, say those in each Classis, or in two neighboring Classes, to have a yearly Convention (as the Presbyterians have), to discuss Church work as related to their office? They could with great profit compare views, and study the different methods of doing their work. Let them select suitable subjects, and appoint speakers, beforehand, as is done for farmers' conventions and Sunday-school conventions; and then at the meeting, a free and general discussion of each topic would be both interesting and profitable.

TO WHAT MUST WE GIVE?

Every member of the Church will of course help to support his own congregation; but besides this, he should feel himself bound to help to support the Lord's work abroad. The following are some of the objects which we should gladly and devoutly support, because they are part of the Lord's work:

Home Missions. This our forefathers did for us, as you may read in the Life of Michael Schlatter; and this we must now do for others in return.

Foreign Missions. This duty we learn even from the New Testament. Paul was the first "foreign" missionary, carrying the Gospel to many distant lands. This duty is taught us also in the Apostolic Commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15).

Beneficiary Education. Many young men wanting to study for the ministry are poor, and the Church helps them to get an education. This is a plain duty, and has long been the wise custom of the Church.

Orphan Homes. If children have no parents, the Church must act the part of a mother. She must clothe and feed, teach and train them. Read what our holy King says in Matt. 25: 40.

Widows' Aid Society. By this name it is commonly called. It helps ministers who have become disabled, and the widows of deceased ministers,—so far as it can with its very small means.

At least one collection a year for each of these objects should be lifted in every congregation; and as we have over one hundred thousand members—over two hundred thousand, if you count the children—even a small sum from each would every year make a large amount.

Then besides these objects, the Church should every year help her Colleges, Theological Seminaries, and Publication Boards.

☞ A preacher who arrived at the kirk wet through, asked an old Scotch-woman what he should do. "Gang into the pulpit as sune as ye can. Ye'll be dry enough there."

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31]	*10th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 19: 41–47; 1 Cor. 12: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 6 *min.*				
Sunday	1 Maccabees	Rom. 1: 1–17	12 20	10	☽ in apo. ♁ sets 8 36	6 4	5 57	7 3	9 50
Monday	2 Mart. under Nero	" 1: 18–31	1 31	22	♃ rises 9 24	6 4	5 58	7 2	10 34
Tuesday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 2:	2 39	5	Wega south 9 36	6 4	5 59	7 1	11 32
Wednesday	4 Leonard Käser	" 3:	3 48	18	♍. Altair south 10 47	6 5	0 7	0	12 26
Thursday	5 Salzb'g Evang.	" 4:	☽ sets	1	☽. ♂ ☿ ☉ Inf ♂ ☽ ☿	6 5	1 6	59	1 19
Friday	6 Transfiguration	" 5: 1–11	7 10	15	♀ Nep. ☉. ♂ ☽ ♀	6 5	2 6	58	1 55
Saturday	7 Nonna	" 5: 12–21	7 49	29	Sirius rises 4 26	5 5	3 6	57	2 29
32]	*11th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 52 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Hormisdas	Rom. 6:	8 18	13	♂ ☽ ♁. ♃ stationary	5 5	4 6	56	2 59
Monday	9 Numidicus	" 7:	8 47	27	♁ sets 8 21	5 5	5 6	55	3 45
Tuesday	10 Laurentius	" 8: 1–15	9 19	12	♃ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	5 5	6 6	54	4 39
Wednesday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 8: 16–39	10 8	27	♄ stationary	5 5	7 6	53	5 20
Thursday	12 An. of Havelberg	" 9: 1–13	10 55	11	Spica sets 9 14	5 5	8 6	52	5 59
Friday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 9: 14–33	11 52	25	13th. ♃ rises 8 49	5 5	9 6	51	6 40
Saturday	14 James Guthrie	" 10:	morn.	9	☿ stationary	4 5	10 6	50	7 31
33]	*12th Sunday after Trinity.*	Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 36 *min.*				
Sunday	15 Ass'n V. Mary	Rom. 11:	12 50	23	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	4 5	12 6	48	8 42
Monday	16 John of Saxony	" 12:	1 41	6	7* rises 10 28	4 5	13 6	47	9 31
Tuesday	17 John Gerhard	" 13:	2 39	20	☽ in per. Neptune sta.	4 5	14 6	46	10 39
Wednesday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 14:	3 30	3	♌. Andromeda so. 2 9	4 5	15 6	45	11 40
Thursday	19 Sebaldus	" 15: 1–13	4 19	16	♁ sets 8 7	3 5	16 6	44	12 44
Friday	20 Bernard of Clair.	" 15: 14–33	☽ rise	29	20th. Dog Days End.	3 5	17 6	43	1 40
Saturday	21 1st Morv. Mission	" 16:	7 10	22	Orion rises 1 20	3 5	18 6	42	2 38
34]	*13th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 16–22.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 20 *min.*				
Sunday	22 Symphorianus	Acts 20:	7 38	24	☿ rises 4 35	3 5	20 6	40	3 16
Monday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	" 21:	7 59	6	☿ gr. elong. West	2 5	21 6	39	3 44
Tuesday	24 St. Bartholomew	" 22: 23:	8 26	18	☽ ♂ ♃ ♄. ♄ rises 8 59	2 5	22 6	38	4 28
Wednesday	25 Louis IX.	" 24: 25:	8 52	0	♃ rises 8 10	2 5	23 6	37	5 22
Thursday	26 Ulfilas	" 26:	9 28	12	Altair south 9 23	2 5	25 6	35	6 16
Friday	27 Jovinian	" 27:	10 3	24	27th. 7* rises 9 48	1 5	26 6	34	6 55
Saturday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 28:	10 46	6	♁ sets 7 40	1 5	27 6	33	7 38
35]	*14th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 4 *min.*				
Sunday	29 St. John Baptist	Eph. 1: 1–14	11 40	18	☽ in apo. ☿ in Perihel.	1 5	28 6	32	8 42
Monday	30 Claud of Turin	" 1: 15; 2: 1–10	morn.	3	Spica sets 8 8	1 5	29 6	31	8 54
Tuesday	31 Aidan	" 2: 11–3	12 46	13	Orion rises 12 42	0 5	30 6	30	9 39

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	5th,	10 o'clock,	47 min.	evening.
First Quarter,	13th,	7 "	41 "	morning.
Full Moon,	20th,	12 "	17 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	27th,	11 "	13 "	forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, thunder; 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, 9, clear, warm; 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, 16, pleasant; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, thunder showers; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, 26, rain; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, fair.

They are tenting out.

WORK, WAIT AND PRAY.

In Siam twelve years of labor were required to secure the first convert. The Danish and Moravian missionaries in Greenland worked and waited seventeen years for converts. Fifteen years the missionaries toiled at Tahiti without a single convert; and, while the parent society was considering the advisability of abandoning the mission, the news was on its way to England that idolatry was overthrown in the island. Mr. Bruckner labored thirty years in Java before he was privileged to welcome a native to Christianity. For ten years the Methodists labored in China without a convert.

Now that we have a missionary in Japan, let us not expect great fruits in a day. The seed sown must have time to grow. We must have patience as well as faith.

☞ The pastor of a colored congregation introduced a white brother thus: "Now, den, brudren, I's heah to info'm you dat Bruddah Blank is gwine to preach to you to day. He is de secretary ob de missionary society, a distinguished an' a eloquent man; in fac', my brudren, he is a soundin' brass an' a tinklin' cymbal."

OF COURSE WE DIFFER.

Some Churches are larger than ours, in the United States, and also have different customs. For example they do not confirm their young people; nor do they pay any attention to the Church Year.

And, sad to say, some of our own people are ashamed of their Church, because we are not like those that are larger.

May a boy be ashamed of his mother, because she does not look, move and dress like some other boy's mother?

Never allow yourself to doubt your own Church. Never lose love for her. Study her history, government and customs, and learn not only how old these are, but also how fully these meet the deepest want of the Christian heart.

PLEASE DON'T.

When your minister visits you, please do not begin to wash unwilling children, sweep up crumbs, blacken the stove and drive out the flies. If things are not just in the best order, he well knows that it sometimes is so in every home; and he cannot well talk about Church matters (attendance, catechization, Sunday-school work, the Church papers, &c., &c.), while all this is going on, and perhaps he cannot well wait till it is all done. Please don't do it.

NOW IS THE TIME.

To-day Japan is turning away from its old religion, and with aching heart is longing for something to satisfy the soul of man.

Now is the time to give Japan the Christian religion. If we fail to do so, Satan will give them infidelity, and then the Christian Church must fight a battle and win a victory before it can plant a single Church there.

Now is the time to send missionaries, and take the ground which is open to us. Will you help to do it?

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Hanna	Eph. 4: 1–17	1 50	26	♂ ☌ ☉ ♉.	0 5	32	6 28	10 26
Thursday	2 Mamas	" 4: 18	2 59	9	♄ rises 8 46	0 5	33	6 27	11 37
Friday	3 Hildegarde	" 5: 6: 1–9	4 0	23	♂ ☽ ☿. ♃ rises 7 45	1 5	35	6 25	12 35
Saturday	4 Ida	" 6: 10	☽ sets	9	4th. Sirius rises 2 47	1 5	36	6 24	1 19

6] 15*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	5 John Mollio	Colos. 1:	6 44	23	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 7 20	1 5	37	6 23	1 59
Monday	6 Martin Weibel	" 2: 3: 1–4	7 13	8	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ sets 7 3	2 5	39	6 21	2 43
Tuesday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 3: 3: 5–4	7 46	23	♂ ♀ ♁. 7* rises 9 8	2 5	40	6 20	3 31
Wednesday	8 Corbinian	Philemon	8 22	8	Orion rises 12 16	2 5	41	6 19	4 15
Thursday	9 Lorigi Paschall	Philip 1: 1–26	9 8	21	☿ gr. Hel Lat. N.	3 5	42	6 18	4 56
Friday	10 Paul Separatus	" 1: 27–2:	9 57	6	♄ rises 8 10	3 5	44	6 16	5 42
Saturday	11 John Brenz	" 3: 4:	10 58	20	11th. Spica sets 7 32	3 5	45	6 15	6 31

6] 16*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 28 *min.*

Sunday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	1 Tim. 1:	11 59	3	♃ rises 7 18	4 5	46	6 14	7 30
Monday	13 Wm. Farel	" 2:	morn.	17	☽ in per.	4 5	48	6 12	8 29
Tuesday	14 Cyprian	" 3:	1 6	0	♌. ♀ sets 6 57	4 5	49	6 11	9 27
Wednesday	15 *Emberday*	" 3: 14–4: 10	2 18	13	Antares sets 9 10	5 5	50	6 10	10 25
Thursday	16 Euphemia	" 4: 11–5: 16	3 20	25	♄ rises 7 45	5 5	52	6 8	11 23
Friday	17 Lambert	" 5: 17	4 24	8	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	5 5	53	6 7	12 21
Saturday	18 A. G. Spangeb'g	" 6:	☽ rise	20	18th. Sirius rises 1 54	6 5	54	6 6	1 20

8] 17*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–6. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 8 *min.*

Sunday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	Titus 1:	6 20	3	Orion rises 11 36	6 5	56	6 4	2 2
Monday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 2:	6 44	15	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 6 30	7 5	57	6 3	2 46
Tuesday	21 Matthew	" 3:	7 10	27	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 7 1	7 5	59	6 1	3 34
Wednesday	22 Mauritius	2 Tim. 1:	7 42	9	☉ ent. ♎. Day and Night Equal.	7 6	0	6 0	4 22
Thursday	23 Mart. of Genoa	" 2:	8 22	20	Autumn commences	8 6	1	5 59	5 11
Friday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 3:	9 7	2	♀ sets 6 47	8 6	3	5 57	5 59
Saturday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 4:	10 4	14	♃ in Perihelion	8 6	4	5 56	6 47

9] 18*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	26 Lioba	Heb. 1:	11 8	26	26th. ☽ in apo. ♌	9 6	5	5 55	7 35
Monday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 2:	morn.	8	Andromeda so. 11 45	9 6	6	5 54	8 20
Tuesday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 3: 4:	12 19	21	Fomal south 10 30	9 6	7	5 53	9 4
Wednesday	29 St. Michael	" 5:	1 39	4	♉. Procyon rises 12 51	10 6	8	5 52	9 48
Thursday	30 Jerome	" 6:	2 29	17	Wega sets 2 38	10 6	10	5 50	10 39

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	4th,	11	o'clock,	51 min.,	forenoon.
First Quarter,	11th,	1	"	23 "	afternoon.
Full Moon,	18th,	10	"	27 "	forenoon.
Last Quarter,	26th,	6	"	8 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, warm; 7, 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, 20, stormy; 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, thunder showers; 28, 29, 30, fair and clear.

Two little sisters of charity. Children have loving hearts. Always be kind to poor brutes. Giving cool water and green grass to sheep in a cattle train will surely be rewarded.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, our Missionary to Japan, is the son of our aged father, Rev. D. Gring, of Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa. He graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., in 1875, and at Yale Theological Seminary, New Haven, Conn., in 1878. He was ordained at Easton, Pa., October, 1878, and sailed from San Francisco for Japan in May, 1879.

He is our first foreign missionary. Several of our ministers have been in foreign lands, and some are even now out, but supported mainly by other churches.

As our foreign mission work has no past, we can speak only of its future. Many of us can look back twenty years, and think of what might have been done; and it is very easy to look forward so long, and see a great work done; but the work will not be done by thinking, nor by wishing, nor even by praying, *but only by earnest doing*,—by warm prayers and liberal alms at home, and by hard work in the ripe field. Let *all* our members help. And may God move a few wealthy members to give very large sums towards it!

MORE MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

Some of our ministers are without charges; but this has always been so, and always will be so, and is so in all Churches, and is no sign that no more ministers are needed.

Not only will death every year be thinning our ranks, but also the Church should be enlarging her territory, as well as dividing her present fields. So will more new men be needed every year.

We need more missionary spirit in our young men; and pastors should seek, and parents should encourage, young men who will *begin their preparation for the ministry with missionary work fully in view.*

Without a doubt, God has lately been trying in various ways to teach the Reformed Church that not all of its ministers can find fields in Pennsylvania, but that they must carry the work of the Lord westward and southward.

We need more ministers, and many of our boys are only waiting to be asked to enter upon the holy work, being afraid to speak of it themselves.

"I do not know how I would ever have entered the ministry," said one lately, "if Rev. Dr. —— had not one day said to me, when yet only a boy, 'you should be a minister; would you not like to be one'?"

Many a boy feels called; but too timid to speak of it himself, will gladly answer the solemn challenge of a father, mother or friend.

And this inward call often comes very early. One of our ministers, at his examination for licensure, was asked, "How long have you had the ministry in view?" He answered: "Since I was five years old." Boys should be encouraged to speak on the subject of studying for the ministry.

☞ A Vermont youth, at his mother's funeral, said to the neighbors: "Father and I are much obliged to you all, and hope soon to be able to do as much for you."

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 30 Days.* 1880.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 Remigius	Heb. 7:	3 50	♎ 1	Fomal south 10 19	♏	11 6	12 5	49 11 38
Saturday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 8:	5 4	♎ 16	Orion rises 10 49		11 6	12 5	48 12 34
40] 19*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matt. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 34 *min.*				
Sunday	3 The two Ewaldes	Heb. 9: 1–14	☽ sets	♏ 1	3d. Markab south 10 21		11 6	13 5	47 1 16
Monday	4 Franciscus	" 9: 15	6 2	♏ 16	♂ ☽ ♄. Rigel rises 10 56		11 6	15 5	45 1 58
Tuesday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 10: 1–18	6 40	♐ 1	☽ ☌ ☿ ♀. ♀ sets 6 42		12 6	16 5	44 2 40
Wednesday	6 Henry Albert	" 10: 19–39	7 30	♐ 16	Altair south 7 1		12 6	17 5	43 3 24
Thursday	7 Theodore Beza	" 11:	8 24	♑ 2	☿ ♃ ☉. ♃ south 11 50		12 6	19 5	41 4 12
Friday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 12:	9 28	♑ 16	☽ in per. 7* rises 7 23		12 6	20 5	40 5 5
Saturday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 13:	10 12	♒ 0	♄ south 12 54	♋	13 6	21 5	39 5 50
41] 20*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matt. 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 14 *min.*				
Sunday	10 Justus Jonas	Prov. 1: 2:	11 1	♒ 14	10th. ♀ in ♍.		13 6	23 5	37 6 45
Monday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 3:	morn.	♒ 27	Sirius rises 12 31	♌	13 6	24 5	36 7 40
Tuesday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 4:	12 19	♓ 10	☿ in Aphelion		13 6	25 5	35 8 30
Wednesday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 5:6:1-19:	1 30	♓ 23	Orion rises 10 9		14 6	27 5	33 9 31
Thursday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 6: 20–7	2 41	♈ 5	♀ sets 6 31		14 6	28 5	32 10 26
Friday	15 Aurelia	" 8:	3 56	♈ 17	Wega sets 1 15		14 6	29 5	31 11 22
Saturday	16 Gallus	" 9:	5 19	♈ 0	Procyon rises 11 11		14 6	30 5	30 12 18
42] 21*st Sunday after Trinity,*		John 4: 46–54; Eph. 6: 10–20.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 56 *min.*				
Sunday	17 Rv. Edict of Nan.	Prov. 10: 11:	☽ rise	♈ 12	17th. ♂ ☽ ♃		15 6	32 5	28 1 14
Monday	18 St. Luke, Ev.	" 12: 13:	5 36	♈ 24	♂ ☽ ♄. ☌ ♄ ☉		15 6	33 5	27 1 59
Tuesday	19 Bruno	" 14: 15:	6 6	♉ 6	♃ south 11 24		15 6	34 5	26 2 43
Wednesday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 16: 17:	6 48	♉ 18	♄ south 12 12		15 6	35 5	25 3 35
Thursday	21 Hilarion	" 18: 19:	7 34	♉ 29	Aldebaran rises 7 47		15 6	37 5	23 4 27
Friday	22 Hedwick	" 20:21:22:1-16	8 28	♊ 11	Antares sets 7 16		15 6	38 5	22 5 1
Saturday	23 Henry Martin	" 22: 17–23: 24	9 25	♊ 23	☽ in apo. ☉ enters ♏		16 6	39 5	21 5 57
43] 22*d Sunday after Trinity,*		Matt. 18: 26–35; Phil. 1: 3–11.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 38 *min.*				
Sunday	24 Arethas	Prov. 25: 26	10 10	♋ 5	♀ sets 7 26	♏	16 6	41 5	19 6 41
Monday	25 John Herz	" 27:	10 54	♋ 17	♂ ♄ ☉		16 6	42 5	18 7 28
Tuesday	26 Frederick III.	" 28: 29:	11 35	♌ 0	26th. ♍		16 6	43 5	17 8 14
Wednesday	27 Frumentius	" 30: 31	morn.	♌ 13	Orion rises 9 16		16 6	44 5	16 8 53
Thursday	28 Simon and Jude	Song of Sol. 1: 2: 3:	12 42	♌ 26	♃ south 10 48		16 6	45 5	15 9 41
Friday	29 Alfred the Great	" 4: 5:	1 59	♍ 10	Sirius rises 11 22		16 6	47 5	13 10 31
Saturday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 6: 7: 8	3 11	♍ 24	♄ south 11 38		16 6	48 5	12 11 17
44] 4*th Sunday before Advent,*		Matt. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 22 *min.*				
Sunday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	John 21: 1–23	4 29	♎ 9	Andromeda south 9 35		16 6	49 5	11 11 5

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	3d,	11	o'clock,	42 min.,	evening.
First Quarter,	10th,	7	"	33 "	"
Full Moon,	17th,	11	"	25 "	"
Last Quarter,	26th,	2	"	0 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, stormy, rainy; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, cold; 8, 9, fair 10, 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19 variable; 20, 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, 27, fair 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, rain.

(♃.) Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun the 7th, and shines all night.

(♄.) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 18th, and shines all night.

(♂.) Mars is in conjunction with the Sun the 25th, and cannot be seen.

ARMENIAN BISHOP.

Many people in Turkey are Armenians. From heathenism, they about thirteen hundred years ago came to Christianity. But their worship (in an unknown tongue, led by ignorant priests) is full of superstition.

MISSIONARY FACTS.

Fifty years ago America had only four Missionary Societies; and only two of these had missions outside of the United States. Their united income was only $100,000.

Fifty years ago all the Protestant Missionary Societies in the world had only 400 ordained missionaries, and only 40,000 converts (34,000 of whom were in Guiana and the West Indies, and only 6,000 in all the world besides); and received only $100,000.

Now, our Foreign Missionary Societies of the world have 2300 ordained missionaries, 2700 assistants, 11,000 native pastors and teachers, 500,000 members, and a yearly income of $6,000,000.

Thirteen Protestant Missionary Societies (eight American and five British), employ about one hundred missionaries in Japan.

The population of Japan is about 34,000,000. They have 20,000 Common Schools (400,000 girls are in them), 51 Normal Schools, and 21 Government Colleges.

The yearly debt of many of the Missionary Boards is from three to seventeen times as much as our whole yearly giving!

Three Englishmen lately gave $25,000 each toward special missionary work in Africa.

The American Board of Foreign Missions has 380 missionaries, 1200 native assistants, in Japan, China, India, Turkey, Austria, Africa, Spain, and the Sandwich and the Micronesian Islands, speaking and writing 46 different tongues, preaching to 100,000,000 souls.

Do Foreign Missions pay? Yes, in dollars as well as in souls. The Christianization of the Sandwich Islands created a commerce, which for the year ending 1871, amounted to $4,406,426, which, reckoning the profit at ten per cent., would leave a gain to those engaged in it of $440,642, an amount about equal to the receipts of the American Board last year.

A Chinese temple was lately deeded to the missionaries for a Christian church.

Protestantism has 174 missionaries in China, and is occupying nearly all the great cities; and Dr. Williams, who has spent nearly 32 years in China, believes that, if the present rate of progress is unchecked, another 50 years will change the government to a nominally Christian one.

The Methodist Church gives $650,000 for Foreign Missions; the Presbyterian, $500,000, and the Episcopal, $100,000. The Presbyterian Church has 140 ordained missionaries in the Foreign field, and about 760 helpers.

There is in India a heathen population equal to that of Russia, Germany, France, Austria, Hungary, the United States of America, and Great Britain and Ireland combined, or 240,000,000, with about one missionary to each million.

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 188

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HI: WATE Phi h.
Monday	1	All Saints	1 John 1: 2:	5 40	24	☿ sets 6 0	166	515	9	12
Tuesday	2	Victorinus	" 3:	☽ sets	9	2d. ☿ gr. Elon. East. ♂ ☽ ♄	166	525	8	1
Wednesday	3	Pirminus	" 4:	5 44	24	♃ south 10 25	166	535	7	2
Thursday	4	John a. Bengel	" 5:	6 41	10	☽ in per. ☽ ♄ ☿ ♀. ♂ Nep. tune ☉	166	545	6	2
Friday	5	Hans Egede	2 John	7 48	25	♀ sets 6 37	166	555	5	3
Saturday	6	Gustav. Adolph's	3 John	8 58	9	Fomal south 8 2	166	565	4	4

45] 3*d Sunday before Advent,* Matt. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 6 *mi*

Sunday	7	Willibrord	Rev 1:	10 9	23	♌. ♄ south 11 2	166	575	3	4
Monday	8	Willehad	" 2:	11 16	7	Sirius rises 10 42	166	585	2	5
Tuesday	9	John v. Staupitz	" 3:	morn.	19	9th. 7* south 12 44	166	595	1	6
Wednesday	10	Martin Luther	" 4: 5; 6:	12 22	2	Orion rises 8 18	167	05	0	7
Thursday	11	Martin of Tours	" 7: 8; 9; 1–12	1 24	14	Andromeda south 8 53	167	14	59	7
Friday	12	Phil. de Mornay	" 9: 13–10; 11:	2 30	27	♃ south 9 48	167	24	58	9
Saturday	13	Arcadius	" 12: 13:	3 41	9	♂ ☽ ♃. ☿ stationary	167	34	57	10

46] 2*d Sunday before Advent,* Matt. 25: 31–46; 2 Thes. 1: 3–10. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 52 *mi*

Sunday	14	Pet. Mart. Vern.	Rev. 14: 1–13	4 52	21	♀ in Aphelion. ♂ ☽ ♄	157	44	56	11
Monday	15	John Kepler	" 14: 14–20	5 54	3	♀ sets 6 46	157	54	55	12
Tuesday	16	Casp. Creuziger	" 15:	☽ rise	14	16. ♄ south 10 36	157	64	54	1
Wednesday	17	Bernward	" 16: 1–8	5 20	26	Arietis south 10 23	157	74	53	1
Thursday	18	Greg. Illuminat.	" 16: 9–21	6 6	8	Sirius rises 10 2	157	84	52	2
Friday	19	Elizab. of Hesse	" 17:	6 59	20	Arctur rises 3 18	147	94	51	3
Saturday	20	John Williams	" 18:	8 10	2	☽ in apo.	147	104	50	4

47] 1*st Sunday before Advent,* Matt. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3: 3–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 38 *mi*

Sunday	21	Columbanus	Rev. 19: 1–10	9 20	14	☉ enters ♏	147	114	49	4
Monday	22	John Oecolampadius	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	10 26	27	♍. ♃ south 9 4	147	124	48	5
Tuesday	23	Clemens Roman.	" 20: 4–15	11 36	9	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior	137	124	48	6
Wednesday	24	John Knox	" 21: 1–8	morn.	22	24th.	137	134	47	7
Thursday	25	Catharine	" 21: 9–22	12 46	5	☿ in Perihelion	137	144	46	7
Friday	26	Conrad	Psalm 96	1 59	19	♀ sets 6 59	137	154	45	8
Saturday	27	Marg't Blaurer	" 145	3 10	3	♄ south 9 55	127	164	44	9

48] 1*st Sunday in Advent,* Matt. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 11–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 26 *mi*

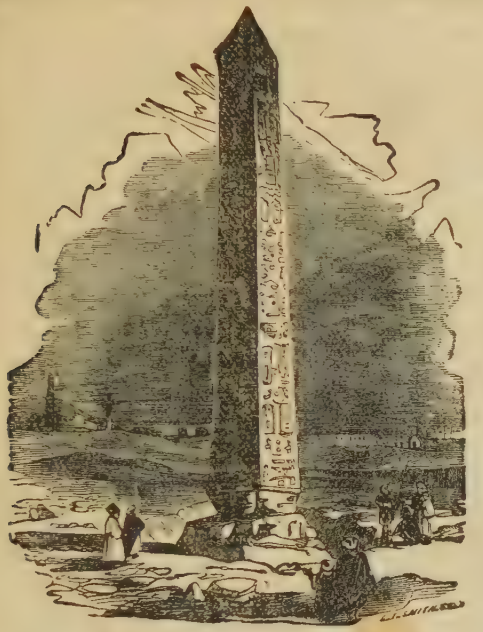
Sunday	28	Alex. Roussel	John 1: 1–14	4 20	17	Orion rises 9 18	127	174	43	10
Monday	29	Satarinus	Gen. 2: 4–25	5 25	2	Rigel rises 7 14	117	174	43	11
Tuesday	30	St. Andrew	Matt. 19: 1–12	6 16	18	♂ ☽ ☿. Arietis so. 9 32	117	184	42	12

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	2d,	10	o'clock,	53	min., forenoon.
First Quarter,	9th,	3	"	18	" morning.
Full Moon,	16th,	3	"	38	" evening.
Last Quarter,	24th,	9	"	4	" "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, cloud 10, 11, rain; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, 17, 18, fair; 20, cloudy; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, variable; 28, 29, rain and snow; 30, cold, cloudy.



The great pillar, called Cleopatra's Needle, lately brought from Egypt and put up in London, was made by the Egyptians before the time of Moses, to record the descent and deeds of their kings. Those odd marks and pictures on the sides are hieroglyphics (sacred carvings), the Egyptian way of writing history.

MISSIONARY FACTS—continued.

Some time ago, at the Anniversary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, a debt of $48,000 was reported. In an hour and a half the whole amount was raised.

England and the United States are the most liberal among the Protestant countries of the world in support of Foreign Missions.

The Methodist Church finds that conversions in the Foreign field are three and a half times as many as in the Home field, with half the laborers, and at only one-third the expense.

How sad, that so many congregations take no part in missionary work! The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions says, that of their 5,000 churches, only 1,900 pay toward the work.

A few years ago the Home Missionary Board of the Episcopal Church found that their funds came from only one-half of their congregations; and that of the 1,000 churches that did give, 280 gave six-sevenths of the whole amount!

Is not this true also of our own Church? Those who do not give, lose much in dollars as well as in grace.

POPULATION OF THE WORLD.

Europe	270,000,000
Asia	800,000,000
Africa	150,000,000
North America	60,000,000
South America	17,000,000
Australia	2,000,000
Polynesia	1,000,000
	1,300,000,000

These, in religion, may be set down as follows:

Protestants	100,000,000
Roman Catholics	170,000,000
Greek Catholics	75,000,000
Jews	5,000,000
Mohammedans	150,000,000
Heathen	800,000,000
	1,300,000,000

The following is a fair estimate of the present strength of Protestantism:

The United States	30,000,000
Great Britain and Ireland	20,000,000
The German Empire	20,000,000
Sweden, Norway, and Denmark	6,000,000
Holland, Belgium, and France	4,000,000
Hungary, Austria and Roumania	5,000,000
Switzerland, German-Russia, and the rest of Europe	4,000,000
British America, including West Indies	3,000,000
Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand	1,000,000
Liberia, Natal, and Cape of Good Hope	1,000,000
Egypt and the rest of Africa	1,000,000
Armenia and the rest of Asia	4,000,000
America southward of this country	1,000,000
Total	100,000,000

☞ One was a Baptist and the other was a Congregationalist. The waiter asked them what they'd order. "A little dipped toast," said the Baptist. "You may give me a toast also," said the Congregationalist, very carefully, "but don't dip it—sprinkle it with a little butter."

☞ "How can I best train up my boy in the way he should go?" "By going that way your self," said the minister.

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1880.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Eligius	Eph. 5: 22–33	☽ sets	♐ 3	1st. ♂ ☽ ♄ ♈	11 7	19	4 41	1 14
Thursday	2 John Ruysbruck	1 Cor. 7:	5 14	♐ 18	☽ in per.	10 7	19	4 41	1 58
Friday	3 Gerhard Groot	Gen. 3:	6 24	♑ 3	☿ stationary	10 7	20	4 40	2 44
Saturday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen	" 8: 15-9: 17	7 34	♑ 17	♂ ☽ ♀ . ♃ stationary	10 7	21	4 39	3 30

49] *2d Sunday in Advent,* Luke 21: 25–33; Rom. 15: 4–13. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 min.*

Sunday	5 Crispin	Acts 17: 15–34	8 47	♑ 1	□ ♓ ☉. ♌.	9 7	22	4 38	4 17
Monday	6 Nicholas	Gen. 15:	9 57	♑ 15	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	9 7	22	4 38	4 59
Tuesday	7 Paulus Odontius	Deut. 5:	11 10	♑ 28	♀ sets 7 20	8 7	23	4 37	5 42
Wednesday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Exodus 12:	morn.	♒ 11	8th. ♄ south 8 52	8 7	23	4 37	6 20
Thursday	9 Benj. Schmolk	Deut. 27:	12 14	♒ 23	Orion rises 6 18	7 7	24	4 36	6 59
Friday	10 Paul Eber	Romans 7:	1 16	♓ 6	♂ ☽ ♃ . ♃ south 7 59	7 7	24	4 36	7 40
Saturday	11 Hen. v. Zutphen	Leviticus 16:	2 24	♓ 18	♂ ☽ ♄ . ☿ gr. elon. West	7 7	24	4 36	8 30

50] *3d Sunday in Advent,* Matt. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*

Sunday	12 Vicelin	Is. 40: John 5:	3 27	♈ 0	☿ rises 6 34	6 7	24	4 36	9 28
Monday	13 Odilia	1 Pet. 1: 3–12	4 29	♈ 11	Sirius rises 8 27	6 7	24	4 36	10 26
Tuesday	14 Dioscorus	2 Samuel 7:	5 32	♈ 23	Regulus rises 9 51	5 7	25	4 35	11 25
Wednesday	15 *Emberday*	Joel 3:	6 35	♉ 5	♄ south 8 23	5 7	25	4 35	12 25
Thursday	16 Adelheid	Jeremiah 23:	☽ rise	♉ 17	16th. Fomal sets 9 16	4 7	25	4 35	1 20
Friday	17 Sturm	" 31:	5 35	♉ 29	♍. ♃ sets 1 2 ♈	4 7	25	4 35	1 59
Saturday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	Isa. 52: 13–53:	6 36	♊ 11	☽ in apo. ♃ stationary	3 7	25	4 35	2 42

51] *4th Sunday in Advent,* John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	John 3: 23–36	7 40	♊ 24	♀ sets 7 31	3 7	25	4 35	3 31
Monday	20 Abraham	Isaiah 42:	8 46	♋ 6	♄ south 8 12	2 7	25	4 35	4 22
Tuesday	21 Thomas	" 49:	9 49	♋ 19	☉ ent. ♑. Shortest Day	2 7	26	4 34	5 11
Wednesday	22 Hugh McKail	" 55:	10 50	♌ 2	Winter commences	1 7	25	4 35	5 59
Thursday	23 Anna du Bourg	" 58:	11 54	♌ 15	Sirius rises 7 47	1 7	25	4 35	6 41
Friday	24 Adam and Eve	Isa. 9: 2–7: Heb. 1	morn.	♌ 29	24th. Altair sets 8 0	Sun 7	25	4 35	7 24
Saturday	25 *Christmas*	Psalm 2: 1–10	12 46	♍ 13	♄ stationary	sl'w 7	25	4 35	8 12

52] *Sunday after Christmas,* Matt. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–7. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

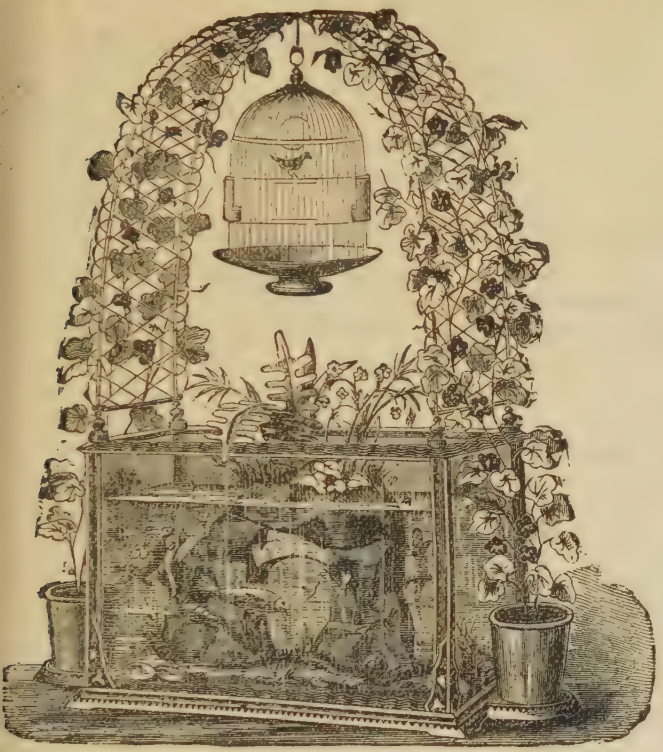
Sunday	26 Stephen	Rom. 5: Col. 1:	1 59	♍ 27	♃ sets 12 31	1 7	25	4 35	8 56
Monday	27 St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	3 6	♎ 12	Wega sets 8 50	1 7	25	4 35	9 41
Tuesday	28 Innocents	" 49:	4 14	♎ 27	♀ sets 7 52	2 7	25	4 35	10 36
Wednesday	29 David	Rom. 8:	5 20	♏ 12	♂ ☽ ♇ . ♇ rises 5 41	2 7	24	4 36	11 34
Thursday	30 Christ'n of Wurtemb'g	1 Cor. 8: 1–6	6 23	♏ 26	♂ ☽ ☿ . 7* 9 2 ♑	3 7	24	4 36	12 32
Friday	31 John Wiclif	Psa. 90: & 103:	☽ sets	♐ 11	31. ♍. ☉ Eclipse visible. ☽ in per.	3 7	24	4 36	1 29

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	1st,	9	o'clock,	55 min.	evening.
First Quarter,	8th,	1	"	37 "	afternoon.
Full Moon,	16th,	10	"	35 "	forenoon.
Last Quarter,	24th,	1	"	55 "	afternoon.
New Moon,	31st,	8	"	55 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, 8, clear, cold; 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, snow; 13, 14, cold; 15, 16, mild; 17, 18, cloudy, rainy; 19, 20, N. W., cold; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, snow; 29, 30, 31, rainy.



In winter, when all is dead outside, you yet may have life and bloom within. Make home cheerful. Flowers in the window are a joy and blessing not only to the family but also to those who pass by.

"BEHOLD HE COMETH."

BY MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

Ages ago in the Eastern lands
They watched for Him,
List'ning oft for His chariot-wheels
As the day grew dim,
And wondered if He would come again
From Olivet.
With welcoming words on their lips they looked—
And He tarries yet.

Every year across winter snows,
With wistful eyes,
Eager disciples have watched for Him
To come from the skies;
Every year under summer suns
They have sung His praise,
And cried for Him from their yearning hearts—
But He still delays.

They died at their watch on the beacon heights,
And we take their place;
We long, as they longed in the olden days,
For the sight of His face;
The sad earth wants Him in her deep woe
To give her rest;
But the years pass on, and He does not come
To make us blest.

Sometimes we look at the floating clouds,
And in fancy trace
The shining robes and the feet of brass,
And His glorious face;
We hush our breath when the gloaming comes,
And can almost hear
The thrilling sound of His blessing words,
But He is not near.

Yet courage, brothers! we have His word,
And He will not fail;
Let us be patient, and watch and wait
Till our prayers prevail.
He will surely come, as He said He would,
In the light sublime;
And we shall forget, as we see His face,
This waiting time.

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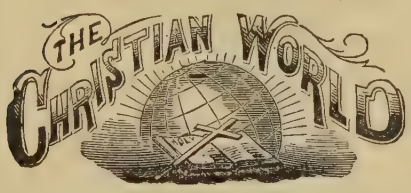

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☞ How differently people hear the word of God! Some find their portion in every sermon, something to teach, warn or comfort them; while others turn up their noses at it and say, "What a sermon!" The sermon is the same, but the persons are different.

A TABLE OF MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

THIS TABLE WILL BE FOUND USEFUL, SHOWING THE DAYS ON WHICH THE MOVABLE FESTIVALS WILL FALL FOR TEN YEARS TO COME.

	SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY.	SEPTUAGESIMA.	ASH WEDNESDAY.	EASTER.	ASCENSION DAY.	WHITSUNTIDE.	SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.	ADVENT.
1881	5	February 13,	March 2,	April 17,	May 26,	June 5,	23	November 27.
1882	4	" 5,	February 22,	" 9,	" 18,	May 28,	25	December 3.
1883	2	January 21,	" 7,	March 25,	" 3,	" 13,	27	" 2.
1884	4	February 10,	" 27,	April 13,	" 22,	June 1,	24	November 30.
1885	3	" 1,	" 18,	" 5,	" 14,	May 24,	25	" 29.
1886	6	" 21,	March 10,	" 25,	June 3,	June 13,	22	" 28.
1887	4	" 6,	February 23,	" 10,	May 19,	May 29,	24	" 27.
1888	3	January 29,	" 15,	" 1,	" 10,	" 20,	26	December 2.
1889	5	February 17,	March 6,	" 21,	" 30,	June 9,	23	" 1.
1890	3	" 2,	February 19,	" 6,	" 15,	May 25,	25	November 30.

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MEETING OF THE CLASSES

OF THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH, AND THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
East Pennsylvania,	Plainfield Church, Northampton Co., Pa.,	May 4th, 1880.
Lebanon,	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.,	May 20th, 1880.
Philadelphia,	East Vincent Church, Chester Co., Pa.,	June 4th, 1880.
Lancaster,	Quarryville, Lancaster Co., Pa.,	May 20th, 1880.
East Susquehanna,	Georgetown, Northumberland Co., Pa.,	May 19th, 1880.
West Susquehanna,	Rebersburg, Centre Co., Pa.,	May 19th, 1880.
Goshenhoppen,	Limerick Church, Montgomery Co., Pa.,	May 21st, 1880.
Tohickon,	Indian Creek Church, Montgomery Co., Pa.,	June 4th, 1880.
Westmoreland,	Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., Pa.,	May 21st, 1880.
Clarion,	Troutville, Clearfield Co., Pa.,	June 3d, 1880.
St. Paul's,	Zion's Church, Meadville Charge, Crawford Co., Pa.,	May 20th, 1880.
Somerset,	Beam Church, Somerset Co., Pa.,	June 2d, 1880.
Allegheny,	Butler, Butler Co., Pa.,	May 19th, 1880.
Zion's,	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.,	May 20th, 1880.
Maryland,	Funkstown, Washington Co., Md.,	May 20th, 1880.
Mercersburg,	McConnelstown, Huntingdon Co., Pa.,	May 19th, 1880.
Virginia,	Zion's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va.,	May 13th, 1880.
North Carolina,	Brick Church, Guilford Co., N. C.,	June 3d, 1880.
San Francisco,	Alameda, Cal.,	May 20th, 1880.
The New Classis formed by the division of the East Pennsylvania Classis,	Salem's Church, Allentown, Pa.,	May 4th, 1880.
Portland,	Portland, Oregon,	July 8th, 1880.

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NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED
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LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. By Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Local Objects.
Synod of U. S.....	8	204	433	65,607	37,764	5,352	351	3,524	1,010	50,790	590	7	333	2,289	592	37,956	61	$19,893	$183,955
Synod of Ohio*.....	12	162	340	24,560	11,307	1,496	464	1,607	737	19,592	268	19	403	541	253	20,134	23	7,032	80,870
Synod of N. W*.....	9	132	202	16,459	13,048	1,627	9	989	762	13,185	230	111	11	482	164	9,692	18	7,980	58,032
Synod of Pittsburg*	5	52	114	9,722	7,536	702	23	500	203	8,473	156	1	46	223	96	5,680	14	5,816	54,000
Synod of Potomac*	6	122	247	26,230	16,223	1,621	143	1,200	456	22,085	290	2		721	219	15,175	31	13,923	85,624
Ger. Synod of East.	5	42	38	9,183	5,759	1,538	15	606	396	7,513	97	79	79	325	40	5,709	3	3,331	66,025
Total: 6 Synods.....	45	714	1374	151,761	91,637	12,336	1005	8,426	3,564	121,638	1,631	219	872	4,581	1364	94,346	150	$57,975	$528,506

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NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	PLACE OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
Frederick Wm. Vandersloot,	Sept., 1830,	Sept., 1830,	York, Pa.,	Sept. 11, 1878,	75
William Herr,	—— 1873,	—— 1873,	Prospect, Ohio,	Sept. 19, 1878,	31
Solomon K. Denius,	Sept., 1821,	October, 1821,	Newcastle, Ind.,	Sept. 29, 1878,	81
William Sorber,	—— 1852,	—— 1853,	Vincent, Chester Co., Pa.,	Dec. 7, 1878,	53
Jesse Hines,	—— 1843,	—— 1843,	Reedsburg, Ohio,	Jan. 29, 1879,	73
C. W. Hoyman,	April, 1858,	—— 1858,	Somerset, Ohio,	Feb. 9, 1879,	45
George M. Albright,	Feb. 28, 1861,	June 16, 1864,	New Lisbon, Ohio,	Feb. 22, 1879,	50
Nathaniel E. Gilds,	—— 1850,	—— 1851,	Mechanicstown, Md.,	Mar. 5, 1879,	60
Christian Berentz,	Sept., 1829,	Oct. 2, 1829,	Grandview, Ohio,	Mar. 23, 1879,	85
S. N. L. Kessler,	—— 1868,	—— 1868,	Mulberry, Ind.,	Apr. 15, 1879,	33
George Leidy,	—— 1818,	October, 1819,	Norristown, Pa.,	May 30, 1879,	86

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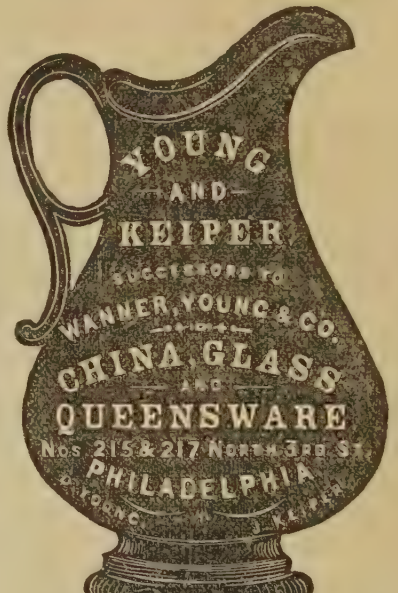

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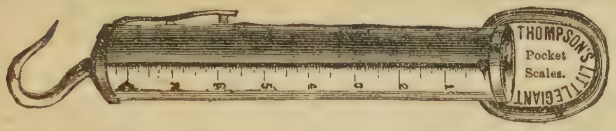

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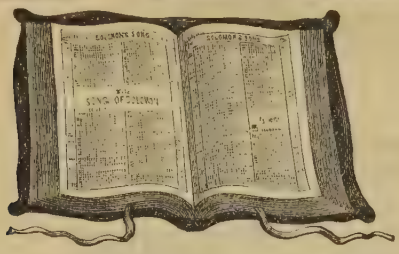

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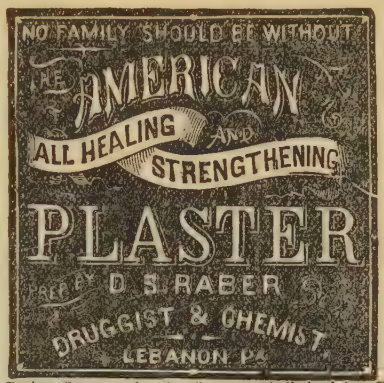

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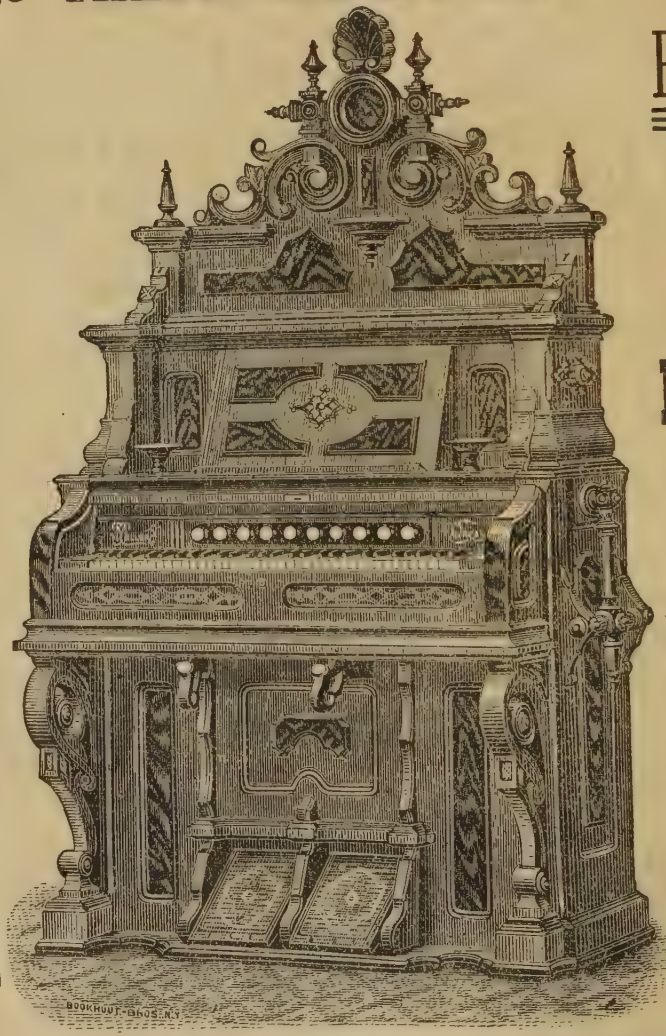

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New Moon.	First Quarter.	Full Moon.	Last Quarter.	♄ Saturn.	♂ Mars.	♀ Venus.	☽ Moon.
				♃ Jupiter.	☉ Sun.	☿ Mercury.	♅ Herschel.

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. ☐ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

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The Jewish Era, with their 5642d year, commences September 24th, 1881.
The Mohammedan Era, with their 1299th year, commences November 23d, 1881.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb'y 13.	Palm Sunday, April 10.	Trinity Sunday, June 12.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb'y 27.	Easter Sunday, April 17.	Corpus Christi, June 16.
Shrove Tuesday, March 1.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 26.	1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27.
Ash Wednesday, March 2.	Whit Sunday, or Pentecost, June 5.	Sundays after Trinity are 23.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

March 9. June 8. September 21. December 21.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters	♈	March 20th,	6 o'clock	20 minutes,	morning.
Summer Solstice,	" "	♋	June 21st,	2 "	15 "	morning.
Autumnal Equinox,	" "	♎	September 22d,	5 "	8 "	afternoon.
Winter Solstice,	" "	♑	December 21st,	11 "	30 "	forenoon.

(♄.) Saturn is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1881.

There will be four Eclipses this year: two of the Sun and two of the Moon.

The first is a partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 27th, 6 o'clock, 48 minutes evening. Here invisible; is most visible at the North Pole; will be partly visible in the North-western States towards sun set.

The second is a total Eclipse of the Moon, June 12th 1 o'clock, 52 minutes morning. Visible as follows:

Eclipse begins 12 o'clock, 9 minutes morning. | Middle of Eclipse, 1 o'clock, 52 minutes morning.
Total Eclipse begins 1 o'clock, 12 minutes morning. | Total Eclipse ends, 2 o'clock, 32 minutes morning.
Eclipse ends, 3 o'clock, 35 minutes morning.

Duration of total Eclipse, 1 hour, 20 minutes. Duration of the whole Eclipse, 3 hours, 26 minutes.

The third is an annular Eclipse of the Sun, November 21st, 11 o'clock, 40 minutes forenoon. Here invisible; visible towards the South Pole.

The fourth is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, December 5th, 12 o'clock, 10 minutes afternoon; therefore invisible here.

A Transit of Mercury over the Sun's disc, November, 7 o'clock, 56 minutes evening; consequently invisible here. Visible on the Eastern Hemisphere.

JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1881

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs.	Sun rises. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	High Water Phila. h.	m.
Saturday	1 *New Year*	1 Pet. 2: 12–19	6 16	♑ 27	Sirius south 11 43 ☋		4 7	23 4 37	2	22
1] *Sunday after New Year*		Luke 2: 33–40; Rom. vi. 12–18.			*Day's Length, 9 hours 14 min.*					
Sunday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	John 1: 29–34	7 18	♒ 11	♄ south 7 40		4 7	23 4 37	3	1
Monday	3 Gordius	" 1: 28–51	8 26	♓ 28	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ sets 8 16		5 7	23 4 37	3	5
Tuesday	4 Titus	" 2:	9 42	♈ 8	♃ sets 11 46		5 7	22 4 38	4	3
Wednesday	5 Simeon	" 3:	10 43	♈ 21	7* south 8 37		6 7	22 4 38	5	1
Thursday	6 *Epiphany*	" 4:	11 44	♉ 4	♂ ☽ ♃. Orion so. 10 39		6 7	21 4 39	5	5
Friday	7 Widukind	" 5:	morn.	♉ 16	7th. ♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 12 16		7 7	21 4 39	6	4
Saturday	8 Severinus	" 6: 1–25	12 46	♉ 28	☿ in Aphelion		7 7	20 4 40	7	2
2] *1st Sunday after Epiphany,*		Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.*					
Sunday	9 Catherine Zell	John 6: 26–71	1 38	♊ 10	Castor south 12 4		8 7	19 4 41	8	1
Monday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 7:	2 35	♊ 21	Spica rises 10 15		8 7	19 4 41	8	4
Tuesday	11 Fructuosus	" 8: 2–20	3 33	♋ 3	♃ sets 11 24		8 7	18 4 42	9	4
Wednesday	12 Jean Castellian	" 8: 21–50	4 30	♋ 15	□ ♄ ☉		9 7	17 4 43	10	3
Thursday	13 Hilary	" 9:	5 20	♋ 27	☽ in Apogee	♏	9 7	17 4 43	11	3
Friday	14 Felix	" 10: 1–21	5 53	♌ 10	♉ Sirius so. 10 52		9 7	16 4 44	12	3
Saturday	15 John de Laski	" 10: 22–42	☽ rise	♌ 22	15th. ♄ sets 11 52		10 7	15 4 45	1	3
3] *2d Sunday after Epiphany,*		John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 30 min.*					
Sunday	16 Geo. Spalatine	Mark 1: 1–20	6 2	♌ 5	☿ sets 8 36		10 7	15 4 45	2	1
Monday	17 Anthony	" 1: 21–45	6 59	♌ 18	Aldebaran south 8 30		10 7	14 4 46	3	
Tuesday	18 John Blackader	" 2:	8 5	♍ 1	Orion south 9 49		11 7	13 4 47	3	4
Wednesday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 3: 1–19	9 11	♍ 14	☉ enters ♒		11 7	12 4 48	4	1
Thursday	20 Fabian	" 3: 20–35	10 22	♍ 28	♃ sets 11 0		11 7	11 4 49	5	
Friday	21 Agnes	" 4:	11 27	♎ 12	Neptune stationary		12 7	10 4 50	5	5
Saturday	22 Vincent	" 5: 6: 1–6	morn.	♎ 26	Procyon south 11 12		12 7	9 4 51	6	4
4] *3d Sunday after Epiphany,*		Matt. 8: 1–13; Rom. 12: 17–21.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min.*					
Sunday	23 Isaiah	Mark 6: 7–29	12 26	♏ 10	23. Pollux so. 10 13		12 7	8 4 52	7	3
Monday	24 Timothy	" 6: 30–56	1 40	♏ 24	♄ sets 11 31		12 7	7 4 53	8	3
Tuesday	25 *Paul's convers.*	" 7: 1–23	2 51	♐ 8	☿ sets 8 48		13 7	7 4 53	9	3
Wednesday	26 Polycarp	" 7: 24–37	3 54	♐ 23	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior		13 7	6 4 54	10	3
Thursday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 8:	4 52	♑ 7	♌ ♂ ☽ ♎. ♎ rises 5 5 ☋		13 7	5 4 55	11	3
Friday	28 Charlemagne	" 9:	5 42	♑ 21	☽ in per.		13 7	4 4 56	12	3
Saturday	29 Juventin	" 10: 1–31	☽ sets	♒ 5	29th. ☿ Hel. Lat. S. ♂ ☽ ☿		13 7	3 4 57	1	1
5] *4th Sunday after Epiphany,*		Matt. 8: 23–37; Rom. 13: 1–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 56 min.*					
Sunday	30 Henry Müller	Matt. 3:	6 8	♓ 19	□ Neptune ☉		14 7	2 4 58	2	
Monday	31 Hans Sachs	" 4: 1–22	7 14	♈ 2	♀ in ♌. ♃ sets 10 31		14 7	0 5 0	2	4

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	7th, 3	o'clock,	8 min.,	morning.
Full Moon,	15th, 6	"	32 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	26th, 3	"	46 "	morning.
New Moon,	29th, 7	"	45 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, snow; 5, 6, 7, cold; 8, 9, 10, fair 11, 12, 13, cold; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17, 18, snow; 19 20, 21, coldest days; 22, 23, mild; 24, 25, 26, variable 27, 28, snow; 29, 30, 31, cold.

Not only is all help from God, but at certain times we feel the need of specially asking God's help. Begin the New Year with prayer.

A CONVENIENT TABLE.

The calculations in this Almanac are made for the Meridian of Philadelphia. To ascertain the true time at the places named below, deduct from the time here given, the number of minutes in each case.

Buffalo, N. Y.	Deduct	15	minutes.
Harrisburg, Pa.	"	6	"
Pittsburg, Pa.	"	19	"
Baltimore, Md.	"	5	"
Richmond, Va.	"	9	"
Danville, Va.	"	17	"
Wilmington, N. C.	"	9	"
Cincinnati, O.	"	37	"
Cleveland, O.	"	26	"
Columbus, O.	"	31	"
Indianapolis, Ind.	"	43	"
Terre Haute, Ind.	"	49	"
Chicago, Ill.	"	59	"
Jacksonville, Ill.	"	1 hour, 00	"
Dubuque, Iowa	"	" 2	"
Milwaukee, Wis.	"	51	"
Detroit, Mich.	"	31	"
St. Louis, Mo.	"	1 hour, 00	"
Jefferson City, Mo.	"	" 8	"
Kansas City, Mo.	"	" 13	"
St. Josephs, Mo.	"	" 17	"

EPIPHANY.

This is the missionary festival of the Church. We celebrate not the visit of the wise men, but rather the great fact which it expresses—Christ, the Saviour of the world, Shiloh, gathering the nations, a light to lighten the Gentiles.

As we have a catholic Saviour, so we have a catholic religion. As God showed Him to the Gentiles, so must we do, in Foreign Missions.

The whole world will be converted to Christianity. Rev. 11: 15 is the promise. Matt. 28: 19 is the command to bring it about. The work is now going rapidly forward, and every Christian should gladly take part in it.

To this we are solemnly pledged in our baptism and confirmation, and this we even profess to be doing. Listen:—

> "For her my tears shall fall,
> For her my prayers ascend,
> To her my cares and toils be given,
> Till toils and cares shall end."

Many sing a lie. They shed no tear, offer no anxious prayer, and give neither self-denying toil nor care,—to send the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Why do thousands of our people give so little for the spread of Christianity? Because they are not interested in it. Why not interested? Perhaps because their pastor is not; or likely because they do not know how the great work of the Church is going forward. But why do they not know this? Because they do not read the Church paper, and do not earnestly believe what they hear from the pulpit.

Oh, how the kingdom would come, if every Christian were deeply interested in the Lord's work, here and abroad!

LARGE GIFTS.

The papers tell of men and women in other denominations who give large sums, either in life or by will, to their Colleges, Seminaries, Boards and other interests.

We have many people who seem to love the Church and who have wealth, and it is a great pity that so few have given large sums to our Church work. Paul was anxious that Timothy should press this point home upon the conscience of his rich members (1 Tim. 6: 17–19). God wants a part of what He has loaned you through life.

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h.	m.	Sun sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h.	m
Tuesday	1	Ignatius	Matt. 4: 23; 5: 1-12	8	21	♑	16	Orion south 8 51 ☋	14	6	59	5	1	3	40
Wednesday	2	*Candle Mass*	" 5: 13–32	9	20	♑	29	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ sets 9 2	14	6	58	5	2	4	26
Thursday	3	Ansgar	" 5: 32–48	10	18	♒	11	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 10 16	14	6	57	5	3	5	14
Friday	4	Rhaban. Maurus	" 6:	11	16	♒	24	☽ ♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 11 2	14	6	56	5	4	5	54
Saturday	5	P. S. Spener	" 7:	morn.		♓	6	5th. ♉ rises 4 50	14	6	55	5	5	6	40

6] *5th Sunday after Epiphany* Matt. 13: 24–30; Col. 3: 12–17. *Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 12 *min.*

Sunday	6	Amandus	Matt. 8: 1–17	12	8	♓	18	Sirius south 9 20	14	6	54	5	6	7	21
Monday	7	George Wagner	" 8: 17–34	12	38	♈	0	Arctur rises 9 32	14	6	53	5	7	8	15
Tuesday	8	Maria Andrea	" 9:	1	46	♈	11	Antares rises 3 30	14	6	52	5	8	8	55
Wednesday	9	John Hooper	" 10:	2	34	♈	23	Rigel south 7 36	15	6	51	5	9	9	40
Thursday	10	F. C. Oetinger	" 11:	3	16	♉	5	♂. ☽ in apo. ♏	15	6	49	5	11	10	21
Friday	11	H. de St. Victor	" 12:	3	54	♉	17	♃ sets 9 54	15	6	48	5	12	11	11
Saturday	12	Lady Jane Grey	" 13:	4	50	♉	1	♄ sets 9 43	15	6	47	5	13	12	6

7] *Septuagesima Sunday* Matt. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–37 and 10: 1–5. *Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 30 *min.*

Sunday	13	C. F. Schwartz	Luke 3:	5	48	♉	14	♀ sets 9 17	15	6	45	5	15	1	1
Monday	14	Brun. of Querfu't	" 4:	☽ rise		♊	27	14th. Spica r.s. 10 2	14	6	44	5	16	1	41
Tuesday	15	Jacob von Loh	" 5:	7	10	♊	10	♉ rises 4 32	14	6	43	5	17	2	30
Wednesday	16	Matth. Desübas	" 6: 1–19	8	24	♋	24	Andromeda sets 9 50	14	6	42	5	18	3	2
Thursday	17	Pat. Hamilton	" 6: 20–49	9	35	♌	8	☿ in ☌. Regulus south 11 58	14	6	41	5	19	4	1
Friday	18	Simeon of Jerus	" 7:	10	38	♌	23	♃ sets 9 31	14	6	39	5	21	4	5
Saturday	19	Mesrob	" 8:	11	40	♍	7	☉ enters ♓	14	6	38	5	22	5	4

8] *Sexagesima Sunday,* Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 19–33—12: 1–9. *Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 46 *min.*

Sunday	20	Sadoth	Luke 9: 1–36	morn.		♍	21	♀ gr. E'ong. East	14	6	37	5	23	6	30
Monday	21	Mainrod	" 9: 37–62	12	49	♎	5	2d. ☿ in Perihelion	14	6	35	5	25	7	15
Tuesday	22	*Washington B.*	" 10:	1	55	♎	10	♀ sets 9 30	14	6	34	5	26	7	55
Wednesday	23	B. Ziegenbalg	" 11:	2	46	♎	3	☌. ☿ gr. Elon. East ☋	14	6	33	5	27	8	4
Thursday	24	Matthias	" 11: 37-12: 1-12	3	21	♏	17	☿ sets 6 10	13	6	32	5	28	9	41
Friday	25	Casp. Olevianus	" 12: 13–59	4	6	♏	1	♂ ☽ ☾. ♉ rises 4 16	13	6	30	5	30	10	40
Saturday	26	Berthold Haller	" 13: 1–21	4	56	♏	14	☽ in per. ♄ sets 10 10	13	6	29	5	31	11	39

9] *Quinquagesima Sunday,* Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–13. *Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 4 *min.*

Sunday	27	Martin Bucer	Luke 13: 22–35	5	41	♐	28	♃ sets 9 11	13	6	28	5	32	12	33
Monday	28	Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 14:	☽ sets		♐	11	28th. Sirius so. 7 54	13	6	27	5	33	1	30

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	5th, 7	o'clock,	53	min.,	evening.
Full Moon,	14th, 1	"	22	"	morning.
Last Quarter,	21st, 2	"	23	"	afternoon.
New Moon,	28th, 6	"	21	"	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, snow; 4, 5, 6, cold; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, cloudy, with snow; 12, 13, 14; clear; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, snow; 19, 20, cold; 21, 22, 23, moderate; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, 28, rain and snow.

(☿.) Venus is Evening Star until the third of May; then again Morning Star to the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP AND GOOD STANDING.

These are two very different things. Confirmation brings you into full membership; and a godly life keeps you in good standing.

You may be unfaithful, failing for a long time to do your private and public duties, and so lose your good standing; but you do not by this neglect lose your membership (unless in time your name be stricken from the Church roll, according to Article 115 of the Constitution).

Membership is your right to the privileges of the Church. This you always have; but good standing is a state of faithfulness in duty.

The main point in a certificate of dismission from one congregation to another is, not membership, but good standing. It says, "*In good and regular standing.*" Without this, the certificate has no proper value. Even ministers, in certain cases, omit this, because they cannot say it of the individual; but instead of this they should altogether refuse the certificate, and let the member join on "profession of faith," that is, by renewing his vows and taking a fresh start in the Christian life.

WHAT IS A PASTORAL VISIT?

Not merely going to see a family once a year. And especially not going to beg a load of gifts.

So many people think it is no pastoral visit unless the minister stays half a day.

"I can do everything for my people but eat," said the minister. "That is not in the Apostolic Commission."

Some think it is not a pastoral visit unless the minister prays with the family. But even this is not always best.

The pastor goes for a certain purpose, and this will govern his action in the family.

Perhaps he goes to seek the sick or the aged. Or some are careless. Or the family does not get the Church paper. Or he wants the children in the catechetical class. One should be confirmed. Or he merely wants to get better acquainted with them.

It is truly a pastoral visit, whether he stays half a day or only half an hour; whether he eats and prays with them, or does neither. Neither eating nor praying, nor both, make it any more or less a pastoral visit.

What does make it a pastoral visit? *Doing his work.* Perhaps he does not at all enter the house. He finds the father at the woodpile, and there gets him to take the Church paper. He sits down on a log with the son, and wins his love. He follows the hired man to the stable, and gets his name for confirmation.

The pastor must do his work in the way that to him seems best. He cannot follow a fixed rule. To stay for a meal is often only a pitiful waste of time. Even prayer is sometimes much out of place.

"Why do you not come to see us?" said Mr. Green.

"I have been there twice."

"But we were not at home."

"And yet it took just as long to get there as if you had been at home."

Notice, too, that the Constitutional question asked of the elders at Classis is not about *pastoral* visitation, but this:

"Is *family* visitation faithfully performed?"

This refers not only to pastors, but also to elders. They, too, have a work to do in the families,—visiting the sick and aged, stirring up the careless, warning the erring, etc., etc.

Classis wants to know whether this great work is done in the charge, by all to whom it belongs. Hence the question: "Is *family* visitation faithfully performed?"

MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.*

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs m.	Sun rises. h.	Sun rises. m.	Sun Sets. h.	Sun Sets. m.	HIGH WATER Phi h.
Tuesday	1 *Shrove Tuesday*	Luke 15:	7	8	♓	24	☋ ☽ ☿ . ☿ stationary ♂ ☌ ☉ ☡	13	6	25	5	35	2
Wednesday	2 *Ash Wednesday*	" 16:	8	16	♈	7	♀ sets 9 40	12	6	24	5	36	2
Thursday	3 Bathilde	" 17: 1–19	9	21	♈	19	☽ ☋ ♃ . ♄ . ♀	12	6	23	5	37	3
Friday	4 Geo. Wishart	" 17: 20–37	10	30	♉	1	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	12	6	21	5	39	4
Saturday	5 Thos. Aquinas	" 18: 1–30	11	38	♉	13	♁ rises 4 0	12	6	20	5	40	5
10]	1*st Sunday in Lent,*	Matt. 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10.					*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 22 *mi*						
Sunday	6 Fridolin	Luke 18: 31-19: 1-28	morn.		♊	25	♀ in Perihelion	11	6	19	5	41	6
Monday	7 Perpetua	" 19: 29-20: 1-18	12	29	♋	7	7th. ♄ sets 9 41	11	6	18	5	42	6
Tuesday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 20: 19-21: 1-4	1	18	♋	19	☋ . ♃ sets 8 52	11	6	16	5	44	7
Wednesday	9 *Emberday*	" 21: 5–35	2	16	♌	1	Rigel sets 11 20 ♏	11	6	15	5	45	8
Thursday	10 40 Martyrs at Sebaste	" 22: 1–30	3	14	♌	13	☽ in apo.	10	6	13	5	47	8
Friday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 22: 31–71	3	50	♌	25	☿ ☿ ☉ Inferior	10	6	12	5	48	9
Saturday	12 Greg. the Great	" 23:	4	21	♍	8	Regulus south 10 39	10	6	11	5	49	10
11]	2*d Sunday in Lent,*	Matt. 15: 21–38; 1 Thes. 4: 1–8.					*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 42 *mi*						
Sunday	13 Rudericus	Mark 10: 32-52	4	58	♍	21	♀ ☌ ♃ 9 48	10	6	9	5	51	11
Monday	14 Matilda	" 11:	5	29	♎	5	♁ rises 3 42	9	6	8	5	52	12
Tuesday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 12:	☽ rise		♎	19	15th. Wega ris. 10 8	9	6	7	5	53	1
Wednesday	16 Heribert	" 13:	7	39	♏	3	Orion south 6 2	9	6	5	5	55	1
Thursday	17 St. Patrick	" 14: 1–54	8	55	♏	18	♃ sets 8 33	9	6	4	5	56	2
Friday	18 Alexander	"14: 55-15: 1-15	9	58	♐	3	♄ sets 9 19	8	6	3	5	57	3
Saturday	19 Mary & Martha	" 15: 16-47	10	58	♐	18	7* sets 11 13	8	6	1	5	59	4
12]	3*d Sunday in Lent,*	Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9.					*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 0 *mi*						
Sunday	20 Ambrose of Sien	Matt. 20: 17–33	11	59	♑	2	☉ enters ♈. Days and Nights Equal	8	6	0	6	0	5
Monday	21 Benedict	" 21:	morn.		♑	16	Spring commences	7	5	59	6	1	6
Tuesday	22 Nich v. d. Flüe	" 22:	12	54	♒	0	22d. ☊ ☡	7	5	57	6	3	6
Wednesday	23 Wolfgang	" 23:	1	40	♒	14	☿ stationary	7	5	56	6	4	7
Thursday	24 Florentius	" 24: 1–31	2	31	♒	28	♀ sets 9 40	6	5	54	6	6	8
Friday	25 Ann. V. Mary	" 24: 31–51	3	8	♓	11	☽ in per.	6	5	53	6	7	9
Saturday	26 Lindger	" 25:	3	42	♓	24	☋ ☽ ♁ . ♁ rises 3 31	6	5	52	6	8	10
13]	4*th Sunday in Lent,*	John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31.					*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 18 *mi*						
Sunday	27 Rupertus	Matt. 26: 1–13	4	16	♈	7	☿ in ♉ . ♀ gr. brilliancy	5	5	51	6	9	11
Monday	28 John von Goch	" 26: 14–35	5	2	♈	20	☋ ☽ ☿ . ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	5	5	49	6	11	12
Tuesday	29 Eustatius	" 26: 36–56	☽ sets		♉	3	29th. Orion sets 11 40	5	5	48	6	12	1
Wednesday	30 John Heermann	" 26: 57; 27: 1–2	7	35	♉	15	♃ sets 8 10	5	5	47	6	13	2
Thursday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 27: 3–31	8	37	♉	27	☽ ☋ ♃ ♄ . ♄ sets 8 48	4	5	45	6	15	2

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	7th,	3	o'clock,	1	min., afternoon
Full Moon,	15th,	5	"	25	" evening
Last Quarter,	22d,	10	"	28	" "
New Moon,	29th,	5	"	31	" "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, c
10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, snow; 17,
19, very cold; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, r
26, 27, fair; 28, 29, 30, cloudy, rainy; 31, clear.

Read Gen. 28: 10–12. Jacob's ladder still stands. To-day yet angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister unto the heirs of salvation.

THE OLD PLAN IS BETTER.

Good people should try to change the custom of raising large sums of money at the dedication of churches. Often it is successfully done, but amid laughter, stories, tricks and other unbecoming ways which are far from the spirit of the sacred day. Then, too, the dedication service is often delayed even several hours, and the joy of all is much lessened.

A far better way is to get all the money beforehand, as Moses did when he built the tabernacle, and as Solomon did when he built the temple. Let all the debts be paid, and then the congregation has nothing to do but give the house to the Lord and rejoice before Him. They will not feel uneasy for a week before. No one will be wearied and annoyed by stale "begging" appeals. The day will be one of joy and praise. Part of the praise may be a large and grateful almsgiving.

OUR NATIONAL LIQUOR-BILLS.

Estimates are made from time to time, based on returns from the Internal Revenue Office, police courts, and other places, hospitals, insane asylums, poor-houses, and other charitable institutions, from which it is calculated with reasonable certainty that our liquor-bills amount yearly to not less than:

1. Direct expenses, $600,000,000.
2. Indirect expenses, $600,000.000.
3. Intemperance burns and destroys property amounting to $10,000,000.
4. It destroys 70,000 lives.
5. It makes 30,000 widows.
6. It makes 100,000 orphans.
7. It makes 500 maniacs.
8. It instigates 250 murders.
9. It causes 500 suicides.
10. It consigns to jail 500,000 criminals.
11. And greater even than all these, it in many ways endangers the inheritance of liberty left us by our fathers corrupting the ballot-box. Surely a Christian should set himself firmly against this unholy work.

"THE PEOPLE ARE TOO BUSY."

So the kind pastor apologized for the small attendance at a very important service. Perhaps it was a preparatory service, or a congregational business meeting, or an installation service. No matter, very few members were present. It was on a week day, and in a tolerably busy season; but it was an important day for the congregation, and all should have been there.

But they were not there. "The people are too busy," said the good man. In plain English, this absence means that their daily work is more important than the Lord's work; that the perishable things of time are to be attended to before the certain and great things of the kingdom (not so in Matt. 6: 33); that farm and house work are not to stand aside for sacred Church interests.

"Too busy!" Not at all. God teaches men that they can take time. An accident or break may throw work back seven times as long as a Church service. A funeral costs two or three days. Sickness lays men by for weeks.

Always take time to go to God's house. Never be too busy to work or worship there.

APRIL, *4th Month, 30 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 Fritigid	Mark 27: 32-50	9 27	♓ 9	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 9 31 ☋	4 5	4 46	6 16	3 33
Saturday	2 Theodosia	" 27: 51-56	10 14	♓ 21	♄ rises 3 21	4 5	4 36	6 17	4 17

14] *5th Sunday in Lent,* John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 38 min.*

Sunday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	John 11:	10 59	♈ 3	7* sets 9 48	3 5	4 16	6 19	4 57
Monday	4 Ambrose	" 12:	11 46	♈ 15	♃ sets 7 54	3 5	4 06	6 20	5 43
Tuesday	5 Christ. Scriver	" 13: 1-30	morn.	♈ 27	♉. ♄ sets 8 31 ♌	3 5	3 56	6 21	6 31
Wednesday	6 Albert Durer	" 13: 31-14	12 32	♉ 9	6th. ☽ in apo. ☿ in Aph.	2 5	3 46	6 22	7 15
Thursday	7 Olaus Peterson	" 15:	1 10	♉ 21	☿ gr. Elon. West	2 5	3 76	6 23	7 57
Friday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	" 16:	1 48	♊ 3	☿ rises 4 50	2 5	3 56	6 25	8 42
Saturday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 17:	2 22	♊ 16	Sirius sets 10 30	2 5	3 46	6 26	9 30

15] *Palm Sunday,* John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–11. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 56 min.*

Sunday	10 Fulbert	Lam. Jeremiah	2 52	♊ 29	Orion sets 10 57	1 5	3 26	6 28	10 15
Monday	11 Leo the Great	Heb. 8:	3 21	♋ 13	♀ stationary	1 5	3 16	6 29	10 59
Tuesday	12 Sabas	" 9:	3 50	♋ 27	☿ sets 8 40	1 5	3 06	6 30	11 46
Wednesday	13 Justin Martyr	" 10:	4 22	♌ 12	Spica south 11 51	0 5	2 96	6 31	12 34
Thursday	14 *Maund. Thurs.*	John 6:	☽ rise	♌ 27	14th. ♄ rises 3 10	Sun 5	2 86	6 32	1 25
Friday	15 *Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32-49	8 30	♍ 12	♃ sets 7 2	fast 5	2 76	6 33	2 10
Saturday	16 Peter Waldo	Heb. 4:	9 46	♍ 27	♄ sets 7 10	0 5	2 56	6 35	2 54

16] *Easter Sunday,* John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 12 min.*

Sunday	17 *Easter Sunday*	John 20: 1-18	10 45	♎ 11	Rigel sets 8 59	1 5	2 46	6 36	3 42
Monday	18 *Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1-12	11 44	♎ 27	☊. ♀ sets 8 2 ☋	1 5	2 36	6 37	4 31
Tuesday	19 Melancthon	Acts 2: 22-47	morn.	♏ 10	☽ in per.	1 5	2 16	6 39	5 20
Wednesday	20 John Bugenhag	1 Cor. 15:	12 30	♏ 24	☉ enters ♉	1 5	2 06	6 40	6 0
Thursday	21 Anselm of Cant.	Rom. 6:	1 11	♐ 8	21st. ♂ ♄ ☉	1 5	1 96	6 41	6 41
Friday	22 Origen	" 8:	1 47	♐ 21	♂ ♃ ♄. ♂ ♃ ☉	2 5	1 86	6 42	7 30
Saturday	23 Adelbert	1 Cor. 3:	2 16	♑ 4	Regulus south 7 57	2 5	1 76	6 43	8 26

17] *1st Sunday after Easter,* John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–10. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 30 min.*

Sunday	24 Wilfrid	John 1:	2 44	♑ 17	♂ ☽ ♇. ♇ rises 2 52	2 5	1 56	6 45	9 27
Monday	25 St. Mark, Evan.	" 2:	3 8	♑ 0	Sirius sets 9 31	2 5	1 46	6 46	10 28
Tuesday	26 Trudpert	" 3:	3 36	♒ 12	♂ ☽ ☿. Orion sets 8 58	2 5	1 36	6 47	11 29
Wednesday	27 Otto Catelin	" 4:	4 10	♒ 24	☿ gr. Hel Lat. S. ♂ ☽ ♄	2 5	1 26	6 48	12 28
Thursday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 5:	☽ sets	♓ 6	28th. ☽ ♂ ♃. ♀	3 5	1 06	6 50	1 27
Friday	29 L. von Berquin	" 6: 1-40	8 18	♓ 18	Antares rises 9 29	3 5	9 6	6 51	2 28
Saturday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 6: 41-71	9 12	♈ 0	Procyon sets 11 18	3 5	8 6	6 52	3 29

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 6th, 10 o'clock, 53 min. forenoon.
Full Moon, 14th, 6 " 48 " morning.
Last Quarter, 21st, 4 " 36 " afternoon.
New Moon, 28th, 5 " 53 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, showers; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, showers; 22, 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, thunder showers; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, clear.

(♄.) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun the 21st, and cannot be seen.

(♃.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun the 22d, and cannot be seen.

HAVE YOU A FAMILY ALTAR?

Family worship is greatly neglected. Where children are old enough it may be made an interesting service by reading the Scriptures verse about, or by singing a verse or two of some familiar hymn, or by the children in turn leading in prayer. This last act would gradually prepare them for more public prayer. Many men now would have family worship, but say they cannot lead in prayer. Then why not use a book of family prayers, as our German fathers used to do?

☞ Do you give your pastor a vacation—a resting time? He both needs and deserves it. Do not let him ask for it. He will enjoy it all the more if you promptly offer it. And offer it early, so that he may make his arrangements to use it to good advantage. You will even gain by such a kindness.

USE THESE.

"Why do you not ask a blessing at your table?" said the pastor.

"Because I do not know how."

"Would you do so if you knew how? Then use one or more of the following, and teach your children to use them:"—

TABLE PRAYERS.

O God, Father of all mercies, bless our daily bread, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for our daily bread, and pray Thee bless it to our use, for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

O Lord, all our mercies are from Thy hand. Help us to show our thankfulness by living to Thy praise, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our heavenly Father, give us thankful hearts for these and all other mercies of Thy hand. Keep us in Thy fear, pardon our sins, and save us for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father in Heaven, we look to Thee for Thy blessing upon our daily bread. Sanctify it to our use and us to Thy service, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Almighty God, we acknowledge Thy goodness in these new mercies, and pray that they may strengthen us for Thy service. Nourish our souls with heavenly food, and save us for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season; Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Give us thankful hearts for Thy goodness, and save us, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Oh God, Thou art the giver of all our blessings. Continue to supply our wants and the wants of all Thy needy creatures. Strengthen us for Thy service, and save us for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

DO YOU KEEP YOUR ALMANACS?

I have lately been reading the Reformed Almanacs published since 1864. They give an immense amount of historical and statistical matter, besides many useful hints and bits of advice which are always in place. They give a bird's-eye view of nearly twenty years of our Church life. Too many people throw away their almanacs and Church papers.

MAY, *5th Month, 31 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
18]	*2d Sunday after Easter,*	John 10: 11–16; 1 Pet. 2: 20–25.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours* 46 *min.*				
Sunday 1	Philip & James	John 7:	9 56	♈ 12	♄ rises 2 38	3 5	7 6	5 3	4 30
Monday 2	Athanasius	" 8: 1–30	10 47	♈ 24	☿. ♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 5	6 6	5 4	5 16
Tuesday 3	Monica	" 8: 31–59	11 28	♉ 6	♂ ♀ ☉ Inferior ♏	3 5	5 6	5 5	5 48
Wednesday 4	Florian	" 9:	morn.	♉ 18	☽ in apo. ♂ Neptune ☉	3 5	4 6	5 6	6 36
Thursday 5	Fred. the Wise	" 10:	12 14	♊ 0	7* sets 8 16	3 5	3 6	5 7	7 14
Friday 6	John of Damasc.	" 11:	12 58	♊ 12	6th. ♂ ☿ ♄	4 5	2 6	5 8	8 6
Saturday 7	Otto the Great	" 12:	1 30	♊ 25	♂ ☿ ♃. Spica south 10 20	4 5	1 6	5 9	8 49
19]	*3d Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 16–22; 1 Pet. 2: 11–19.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 0 *min.*				
Sunday 8	Stanislaus	John 13: 14:	1 56	♋ 8	Aldebaran sets 8 22	4 5	0 7	0	9 31
Monday 9	Gr'g. Nanzianzen	" 15:	2 18	♋ 21	Sirius sets 8 32	4 4	59 7	1	10 13
Tuesday 10	John Heuglin	" 16: 17:	2 49	♌ 5	Librae south 11 54	4 4	58 7	2	10 56
Wednesda 11	John Arndt	" 18:	3 16	♌ 20	Orion sets 9 4	4 4	57 7	3	11 42
Thursday 12	Meletius	" 19:	3 42	♍ 5	Procyon sets 10 34	4 4	56 7	4	12 33
Friday 13	Servatius	" 20: ☽ rise		♍ 20	13th. ♄ rises 2 18	4 4	55 7	5	1 15
Saturday 14	Pachomius	" 21:	8 29	♎ 5	Arctur south 10 42	4 4	54 7	6	2 5
20]	*4th Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 14 *min.*				
Sunday 15	Moses	Heb. 1: 2:	9 27	♎ 20	☊. ♄ rises 3 14	4 4	53 7	7	2 57
Monday 16	Martyrs at L.	" 3: 4:	10 24	♏ 5	☽ in per. ☋	4 4	52 7	8	3 45
Tuesday 17	Joachim of Flor.	" 5: 6:	11 14	♏ 20	♐ stationary. ♂ ☿ ☉ superior	4 4	51 7	9	4 31
Wednesday 18	80 Mart. under Val.	" 7:	11 49	♐ 4	Spica south 9 38	4 4	50 7	10	5 14
Thursday 19	Alcuin	" 8:	morn.	♐ 18	Sirius sets 7 58	4 4	50 7	10	6 2
Friday 20	Val. Herberger	" 9:	12 24	♑ 1	20th. ☿ in Perihelion	4 4	49 7	11	6 44
Saturday 21	Constantine	" 10:	12 52	♑ 14	☉ enters ♊	4 4	48 7	12	7 32
21]	*5th Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 26 *min.*				
Sunday 22	Castus & Aemil.	Heb. 11:	1 19	♑ 27	♀ stationary	4 4	47 7	13	8 30
Monday 23	Jerome Savanor	" 12:	1 45	♒ 9	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ in ♒	3 4	46 7	14	9 28
Tuesday 24	Augustine Cazal	" 13:	2 10	♒ 21	♀ rises Morn. Star 2 59	3 4	45 7	15	10 27
Wednesday 25	Augustine	John 14:	2 49	♓ 3	☽ ♂ ♀. ♄. ♃	3 4	44 7	16	11 20
Thursday 26	*Ascension Day*	Col. 2:	3 22	♓ 15	♄ in Perihelion	3 4	44 7	16	12 23
Friday 27	John Calvin	John 15:	☽ sets	♓ 27	27th. ♄ rises 1 56	3 4	43 7	17	1 12
Saturday 28	Langfranc	" 16:	8 20	♈ 9	☿. ♂ ☽ ☿. ♄ rises 2 50	3 4	42 7	18	1 53
22]	*6th Sunday after Easter,*	John 15: 26–16: 14; 1 Peter 4: 8–11.			*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 36 *min.*				
Sunday 29	David Zeisberger	1 John 1:	8 59	♈ 21	Spica south 8 54	3 4	42 7	18	2 41
Monday 30	Jer'me of Prague	" 2:	9 39	♉ 3	□ ♐ ☉. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ♏	3 4	41 7	19	3 30
Tuesday 31	Joac'm Neander	" 3:	10 11	♉ 15	Arctur south 9 38	3 4	41 7	19	4 1-

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	6th,	5 o'clock, 43 min.,	morning.
Full Moon,	13th,	5 " 22 "	afternoon.
Last Quarter,	20th,	10 " 5 "	forenoon.
New Moon,	27th,	6 " 34 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear, 3, 4, showers; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, warm; 10, 11, thunder; 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, thunder showers; 25, 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, 31, showers.

(♀.) Venus is in Inferior conjunction below the Sun the 3d, and passes from Evening to Morning Star.

Daily we need a helping hand. How kind and brave to help sister over the wall.

IS YOUR MINISTER A BEGGAR ?

"I am a poor beggar," said the minister, when he introduced a large subscription and made a statement to the congregation; "in fact I am not at all a beggar, but the Lord's collector. I rather think you do not want your minister to be a money-beggar. If he must beg, it only shows that something is wrong with you who are so unwilling. What you need to know is the facts in the case; the amount to be raised, the object, the time and place of payment, and the reasonable amount needed from each, and these facts you then consider in the light of duty and conscience, and make up your mind to give a certain amount. I am not the Lord's beggar, but I try to see that the Lord's business is well done. Please give largely and cheerfully."

FACTS ABOUT JAPAN.

Japan is an empire of islands, 150 miles east of China, 8,000 miles from America, lying between thirty and forty-five degrees north latitude, with every variety of climate which we have between Florida and Vermont.

Japan is just about one-twentieth as large as the United States;* but it has a population of 35,000,000.

Japan became missionary ground already in the time of the Reformation. In 1550 the work began, and was very successful for fifty years; when the missionaries (who were Roman Catholics) attempted to overthrow the government in order to bring the Empire under the temporal power of the Pope.

Then began a long and terrible persecution, in which many thousands of Christians died; and then followed the anti-Christian laws, on pain of death forbidding any one to teach Christianity.

Only of late years is Japan open. A great change has come. Not only are missionaries now allowed to teach Christianity, but also a large part of the people are very anxious to hear the gospel. The most cheering news comes back. A wonderful work is going forward.

Eight American and five British Missionary Societies have sent over one hundred missionaries to Japan.

Oh, if the harvest is so ripe, shall we not send men to gather it?

BETHANY ORPHAN HOME.

Is at Womelsdorf, Pa.; has been open 17 years; has had 325 orphans; in 11 years 132 have been confirmed there; now has 65 orphans; has 72 acres good farm land, worked by two men and the larger boys; within a year has paid off several thousand dollars of debt; and begs the prayers and alms of the Church. What work of the Church is more sacred and deserving?

☞ An old-fashioned, minister passing a fashionable church, not long ago, on which a new spire was going up, was asked how much higher it was to be. "Not much," he answered; "that congregation don't own much higher in that direction."

* 150,000 square miles; the size of Dakota Territory.

JUNE, *6th Month, 30 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila h. m
Wednesday 1	J. Fred. Oberlin	1 John 4:	10 50	♑ 27	☽ in apo. ♀ ris. 2 50 ♒	2	4 40	7 20	5 4
Thursday 2	Pothimus	" 5:	11 21	♒ 9	Arctur south 9 27	2	4 40	7 20	5 4
Friday 3	Chlotilde	Joel 3:	11 58	♒ 21	Spica south 8 31	2	4 39	7 21	6 3
Saturday 4	Quirinus	John 17:	morn.	♓ 4	4th. Libra so. 10 16	2	4 39	7 21	7 1

23] *Whitsunday or Pentecost,* John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.*

Sunday	5	*Whitsunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1–7	12 18	♓ 17	☉ ♀ ☿ . ♂ rises 1 32	2	4 38	7 22	7 5
Monday	6	*Whitmonday*	" 5:	12 46	♓ 0	☿ rises 2 4	2	4 38	7 22	8 4
Tuesday	7	Paul Gerhart	Romans 12:	1 20	♈ 14	Regulus sets 11 42	1	4 38	7 22	9 2
Wednesday	8	*Emberday*	1 Cor. 13:	1 57	♈ 28	♀ gr. Brilliancy	1	4 37	7 23	10 1
Thursday	9	Columba	Rom. 6: 19–7	2 24	♉ 13	Procyon sets 8 41	1	4 37	7 23	10 5
Friday	10	Fred. Barbarossa	" 8:	2 59	♉ 28	♀ rises 2 24	1	4 37	7 23	11 4
Saturday	11	*Barnabas*	2 Cor. 5:	3 39	♊ 13	♎. Antares south 11 2	1	4 36	7 24	12 3

24] *Trinity Sunday,* John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min*

Sunday	12	Renata	Acts 1: 2:	☽ rise	♊ 28	12th. ☽ Eclipse visible	0	4 36	7 24	1 3
Monday	13	Isaac Le Febre	" 3:	9 1	♋ 13	☽ in per.	0	4 36	7 24	2 2
Tuesday	14	Basil	" 4:	9 42	♋ 28	♂ rises 1 11	Sun	4 35	7 25	3 1
Wednesday	15	W. Wilberforce	" 5:	10 17	♌ 12	☿ ris s 1 38	srw	4 35	7 25	3 5
Thursday	16	Richard Baxter	" 6:	10 49	♌ 26	Arctur sou h 8 32	0	4 35	7 25	4 4
Friday	17	John Tauler	" 7:	11 15	♍ 10	Spica sets 1 1	1	4 35	7 25	5 3
Saturday	18	Pamphilus	" 8:	11 42	♍ 23	18th. Altair south 11 58	1	4 35	7 25	6 1

25] 1*st Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 16: 19–21; 1 John 4: 7–21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min*

Sunday	19	Council at Nice	1 Pet. 2: 1–10	morn.	♎ 6	♂ ♀ ♃ ☿ sets 8 10	1	4 35	7 25	6 4
Monday	20	27 Martyrs	Acts 10:	12 10	♎ 18	☿ gr. Elon. East	1	4 35	7 25	7 3
Tuesday	21	Matth. Claudius	" 11:	12 41	♎ 0	☉ enters ♋. Longest Day. ☽ ♂ ♄ . ♄	1	4 34	7 26	8 3
Wednesday	22	Gottschalk	" 12:	1 10	♏ 12	☽ ♂ ♃. ♀ Summer commences	1	4 35	7 25	9 2
Thursday	23	Gottfried Arnold	1 Pet. 2: 11-3: 1-17	1 43	♏ 24	♀ rises 1 50	2	4 35	7 25	10 2
Friday	24	John Baptist	" 3: 18-4: 16	2 24	♐ 6	♂ rises 12 46	2	4 35	7 25	11 2
Saturday	25	Augsburg Conf.	" 4: 17-5	3 6	♐ 18	♍. ♄ rises 1 5	2	4 35	7 25	12 2

26] 2*d Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–24. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 mi*

Sunday	26	J. Val. Andreæ	James 1:	☽ se s	♐ 0	26th. ♀ in Aph. ♒	2	4 35	7 25	1 2
Monday	27	Seven Sleepers	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3:	8 4	♑ 12	♃ rises 1 4	3	4 35	7 25	2 1
Tuesday	28	Irenæus	James 2:	8 49	♑ 24	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ☿	3	4 35	7 25	2 5
Wednesday	29	Peter and Paul	" 3:	9 19	♒ 5	Wega south 12 1	3	4 36	7 24	3 4
Thursday	30	Raymond Lully	" 4:	9 49	♒ 18	Spica sets 12 6	3	4 36	7 24	4 3

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	4th,	10	o'clock,	18	min., evening.
Full Moon,	12th,	1	"	55	" morning.
Last Quarter,	18th,	4	"	13	" afternoon.
New Moon,	26th,	9	"	2	" morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, warm showers; 7, thunder; 9, fair; 10, 11, cloudy, rain; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 1 thunder showers; 17, 18, clear; 19, showers; 20, 21, 2 variable; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, thunder, 27, 28, cloud 29, 30, fair.

This blind girl is reading the Bible. She cannot see, but she can feel the letters, "raised" letters they are called. We should thank God not only for sight, but also for so many helps for the blind.

"WILL OUR MONEY GO TO THE RIGHT PLACE?"

If you will take the Church paper you can see both where your money goes and how much good it is doing. Your money is sent to the different Boards, and is acknowledged in the Church paper. For this, in part, you are urged to take it. You can see, also, how much others give.

But what do you mean by "Boards?" They are the men whom the Synods choose and to whom is committed the management of our Church work (Colleges, Seminaries, Missions, Orphan Homes, &c.).

You are not helping the Boards when you give your alms, but you are simply asking them to use your alms for the good of the Church. The work is not theirs, but yours as well.

IN THE NEST.

Gather them close to your loving heart,
Cradle them on your breast;
They will soon enough leave your brooding care,
Soon enough mount youth's topmost stair—
Little ones in the nest.

Fret not that the children's hearts are gay,
That their restless feet will run;
There may come a time in the by-and-by
When you'll sit in your lonely room and sigh
For a sound of childish fun.

When you'll long for a repetition sweet
That sounded through each room,
Of "Mother!" "Mother!" the dear love calls,
That will echo long in the silent halls,
And add to their stately gloom

There may come a time when you'll long to hear
The eager, boyish tread,
The tuneless whistle, the clear, shrill shout,
The busy bustle in and out,
And pattering overhead.

When the boys and girls are all grown up,
And scattered far and wide,
Or gone to the undiscovered shore
Where youth and age come nevermore,
You will miss them from your side.

Then gather them close to your loving heart,
Cradle them on your breast;
They will soon enough leave your brooding care,
Soon enough mount youth's topmost stair—
Little ones in the nest.

DISCOURAGED.

"I often become discouraged," said a faithful worker in the Church.

"You may be glad of it," said I.

"Why so? I see no comfort in it."

"Because it shows that you are interested in the Lord's work. I only wish ten thousand more of our people were sometimes discouraged; things would go better. A feeling of discouragement shows that your heart is in the work. Is not that a comfort?"

A TRICK OF THE DEVIL.

When some great work is to be done (church built, charge divided, mission started, pastor called), the devil sets people to fighting, sometimes about something and sometimes about nothing, and the work fails.

Why will people listen to the voice of the enemy? Can you not see that all this is only his trick to spoil your plan and to hinder God's work?

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 H. Voes	James 5:	10 21	♎ 1	☉ in Apogee ♋	3	4 36	7 24	5 13
Saturday	2 Visit V. M.	Jude	10 48	♎ 14	☿ rises 1 49	4	4 36	7 24	5 56
27]	*3d Sunday after Trinit*,	Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Pet. 5: 6–11.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 46 *min.*				
Sunday	3 Otto Bishop	Acts 13: 1-12	11 17	♎ 27	☿ stationary	4	4 37	7 23	6 42
Monday	4 *Independence*	" 13: 13-52	11 54	♏ 10	4th. ♁ rises 12 22	4	4 37	7 23	7 32
Tuesday	5 Lord Cobham	" 14:	morn.	♏ 24	♄ rises 12 45	4	4 37	7 23	8 18
Wednesday	6 John Huss	" 15:	12 29	♐ 8	☌ ♁ ♄. ♃ rises 12 51	4	4 38	7 22	9 8
Thursday	7 Willabald	" 16:	12 59	♐ 22	Wega south 11 22	5	4 38	7 22	9 52
Friday	8 Kilian	" 17: 1-14	1 40	♑ 7	♓ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	5	4 39	7 21	10 41
Saturday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 17: 15-18: 11	2 36	♑ 22	☊. Antares south 9 8	5	4 39	7 21	11 30
28]	*4th Sunday after Trinity*,	Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 40 *min.*				
Sunday	10 Wm. of Orange	1 Thess. 1:	3 18	♒ 7	Arctur sets 2 2 ♋	5	4 40	7 20	12 26
Monday	11 Placidus	" 2: 1-16	☽ rise	♒ 22	11th. ☽ in per.	5	4 40	7 20	1 22
Tuesday	12 Henry II.	" 2: 17-3	8 8	♓ 7	☿ gr. Elong. West	5	4 41	7 19	2 12
Wednesday	13 Eugenius	" 4:	8 44	♓ 21	☿ rises 1 35	5	4 41	7 19	2 50
Thursday	14 Bonaventura	" 5:	9 14	♈ 5	♁ rises 12 10	5	4 42	7 18	3 39
Friday	15 Answer	2 " 1: 2: 1-12	9 42	♈ 18	♄ rises 12 14	6	4 43	7 17	4 26
Saturday	16 Anna Askow	" 2: 13-3	10 10	♉ 2	♃ rises 12 10	6	4 43	7 17	5 10
29]	*5th Sunday after Trinity*,	Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Pet. 3: 8–15.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 32 *min.*				
Sunday	17 Separatus&11co.	Gala. 1: 1-10	10 38	♉ 15	☌ ☿ ☉ Inferior	6	4 44	7 16	5 56
Monday	18 Arnulf	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	11 07	♉ 27	18th. Dog Days Begin	6	4 45	7 15	6 41
Tuesday	19 Louisa Henrietta	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	11 40	♊ 9	☌ ☽ ♄. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	6	4 46	7 14	7 32
Wednesday	20 John Martheil	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	morn.	♊ 21	☽ ☌ ♁ ♃.	6	4 46	7 14	8 15
Thursday	21 Eberhard	" 3: 15	12 19	♋ 3	☌ ☽ ☿. ☿ rises 1 1	6	4 47	7 13	8 56
Friday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 4:	1 1	♋ 15	☌ ♁ ♃. ♁ rises 11 56	6	4 48	7 12	9 44
Saturday	23 God r.v. Hamelle	" 5: 6:	1 43	♋ 27	☊. ☉ enters ♌. ♋	6	4 49	7 11	10 40
30]	*6th Sunday after Trinity*,	Matt. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 20 *min.*				
Sunday	24 Thos. a. Kempis	1 Cor. 1:	2 40	♋ 9	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ☌ ☽ ☿	6	4 50	7 10	11 38
Monday	25 St. James	" 2:	3 38	♋ 21	♄ rises 11 31	6	4 51	7 9	12 35
Tuesday	26 Christopher	" 3: 4: 1-4	☽ sets	♌ 3	26th. ☽ in apo.	6	4 52	7 8	1 32
Wednesday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 4: 5-5: 1-8	7 50	♌ 15	☿ stationary	6	4 52	7 8	2 21
Thursday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach.	" 5: 9-6:	8 10	♌ 28	♁ rises 11 46	6	4 53	7 7	3 11
Friday	29 Olaus	" 7:	8 41	♍ 11	♃ rises 11 39	6	4 54	7 6	3 55
Saturday	30 John Wessel	" 8: 9:	9 8	♍ 24	7* rises 11 34	6	4 55	7 5	4 43
31]	*7th Sunday after Trinity*,	Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 19–23.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 8 *min.*				
Sunday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	9 41	♎ 7	Altair south 11 2	6	4 56	7 4	5 31

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	4th,	12	o'clock,	15	min., afternoon
Full Moon,	11th,	9	"	12	" morning.
Last Quarter,	18th,	12	"	32	" "
New Moon,	23th,	12	"	18	" "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm; 3, 4, warmest days; 5, thunder; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, 19, showers; 20, cloudy; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, thunder showers; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, sultry; 31, thunder showers.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE.

In 1838 our first Board of Foreign Missions was organized, but we had neither field nor missionary of our own. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Schneider was sent and mainly supported by the American Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. O. J. Lohr has long been in India, but was sent and is supported by the German Evangelical Missionary Society of the United States.

From 1838 to 1860 our Church yearly sent small sums of money to the American Board; but from 1860 to 1875 we did nothing. Within the last five years a little interest has been awakened, and a fair beginning has been made. We now have a field, Japan, and a missionary in it, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring.

WHAT WE HOPE TO DO.

1. To send out more missionaries.
2. To educate Japanese here for the ministry.
3. To have many converts.
4. To train up a generation of young people deeply interested in this holy work.

Even if we are a small Church (here in the United States), if we have been slow to take up this work, and if we have only one ordained missionary in the foreign field,—we must not think of keeping on doing so little.

WHAT NOW IS OUR DUTY?

1. *To have and to cultivate a hearty interest in this work.* Every Christian should feel that the conversion of the world depends in part upon himself personally.

2. *Pray for it.* All earnest desire expresses itself in prayer. Pray for our missionary. Pray for more to go. Pray for a great and general missionary revival in our Church.

3. *Read and study about it.* We should understand what we are praying for. Read in books and papers all you can find on Foreign Missions in general, and about Japan in particular. Much you will find in the Church papers. This awakens interest, and our hearts are drawn to the work.

4. *Awaken interest in others.* Use your influence with them. Bring them into the missionary meeting. Talk about it wherever you go.

5. *Pay toward it.* Paying and praying must always balance. Give not the odds and ends of your money, the bits and crumbs of your earnings, but something worthy of the holy Saviour and His holy work.

THREE OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

1. "*We have heathen at home; better convert them first,*" you say.

But if the Apostles had acted on this principle they never would have got outside of Palestine. Paul would never have answered the Macedonian call. Our fathers of Germany and Holland would never have sent the gospel to America. This objection is not of Christian love.

2. *But why send ministers to Japan, when we cannot supply our own Western States?*

Souls in Japan are just as precious as those here, and just as needy. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." The Apostles did not wait for full fruits in one place before planting elsewhere. Mission fields in our own land have always had the gospel. Japan has not had it, and so has special claim upon us.

3. *Doing so much for Foreign Missions takes money and activity from Home Missions.*

Not a bit. Indeed, it has just the opposite effect. It is a noted fact, that those denominations and congregations that do most for Foreign Mis-

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1	Maccabees	1 Cor. 11: 2	10 11	21	♀ rises 1 41	6	4 57	7 3	6 17
Tuesday	2	Mart. under Nero	" 12: 1-30	10 47	5	2d. ♄ rises 11 0	6	4 58	7 2	7 7
Wednesday	3	Wm. Thorp	" 12: 31-13	11 21	18	Sirius rises 4 34	6	4 59	7 1	7 57
Thursday	4	Leonard Käser	" 14:	morn.	3	□ ♄ ☉. ♃ rises 11 11	6	5 0	7 0	8 44
Friday	5	Salzb'g Evang.	" 15: 1-34	12 1	17	☿ rises 4 16	6	5 1	6 59	9 33
Saturday	6	Transfiguration	" 15: 35-16	1 4	2	☊. ☿ gr. Elon. West	6	5 2	6 58	10 29
32]		*8th Sunday after Trinity,*	Matt. 7: 15–21; Rom. 8: 12–17.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 54 min.*				
Sunday	7	Nonna	Acts 19: 11-20: 1	2 12	16	♁ rises 11 26	5	5 3	6 57	11 24
Monday	8	Hormisdas	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	3 25	1	□ Neptune ☉	5	5 4	6 56	12 20
Tuesday	9	Numidicus	" 1: 23-2	☽ rise	15	9th. ☽ in per.	5	5 5	6 55	1 16
Wednesday	10	Laurentius	" 3: 4: 1-6	7 12	29	♀ rises 1 43	5	5 6	6 54	1 52
Thursday	11	Greg. of Utrecht	" 4: 7-5: 10	7 42	13	7* rises 10 50	5	5 7	6 53	2 40
Friday	12	An. of Havelberg	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1	8 9	26	☿ in ☊. Wega south 9 5	5	5 9	6 51	3 31
Saturday	13	C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 7: 2	8 40	10	Orion rises 1 51	5	5 10	6 50	4 16
33]		*9th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 1–13.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 38 min.*				
Sunday	14	James Guthrie	2 Cor. 8:	9 9	23	♃ rises 10 40	4	5 11	6 49	4 56
Monday	15	Ass'n V. Mary	" 9:	9 46	5	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 10 19	4	5 12	6 48	5 42
Tuesday	16	John of Saxony	" 10:	10 21	17	16th. ♂ ☽ ♃. ☿ in Per.	4	5 13	6 47	6 31
Wednesday	17	John Gerhard	" 11:	11 2	29	□ ♃ ☉. ♂ ☽ ♁	4	5 14	6 46	7 22
Thursday	18	Hugo Grotius	" 12: 1-18	morn.	11	♁ rises 11 12	4	5 15	6 45	8 12
Friday	19	Sebaldus	" 12: 19-13	12 10	23	♀ rises 1 46	3	5 17	6 43	8 56
Saturday	20	Bernard of Clair	Acts 20: 1-13	1 15	5	☊. ♂ ☽ ♀. Neptune stationary.	3	5 18	6 42	9 42
34]		*10th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 19: 41–47; 1 Cor. 12: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 22 min.*				
Sunday	21	1st Morv. Mission	Rem. 1: 1-17	2 20	17	♃ rises 10 12	3	5 19	6 41	10 30
Monday	22	Symphorianus	" 1: 18-31	3 26	29	☽ in apo. ♄ rises 9 58	3	5 20	6 40	11 25
Tuesday	23	Gasp. de Cologne	" 2:	4 28	11	☉ enters ♍	2	5 21	6 39	12 21
Wednesday	24	Bartholomew	" 3:	☽ sets	24	24th. ♂ ☽ ☿	2	5 23	6 37	1 17
Thursday	25	Louis IX.	" 4:	6 56	7	♄ stationary	2	5 24	6 36	2 27
Friday	26	Ulfilas	" 5: 1-11	7 25	20	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2	5 25	6 35	3 35
Saturday	27	Jovinian	" 5: 12-21	7 56	4	♁ rises 10 58	1	5 26	6 34	4 33
35]		*11th Sunday after Trinity,*	Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 6 min.*				
Sunday	28	Aug. of Hippo	Rom. 6:	8 30	17	Dog Days End	1	5 27	6 33	5 21
Monday	29	St. John Baptist	" 7:	9 12	1	♀ rises 1 57	1	5 29	6 31	6 10
Tuesday	30	Claud of Turin	" 8: 1-15	10 2	16	♄ rises 9 42	1	5 30	6 30	6 56
Wednesday	31	Aidan	" 8: 16-39	10 56	0	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	0	5 31	6 29	7 45

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 2d, 11 o'clock, 41 min. evening.
Full Moon, 9th, 4 " 5 " afternoon.
Last Quarter, 16th, 11 " 56 " forenoon.
New Moon, 24th, 3 " 44 " afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, showers; 9, 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, showers; 14, 15, 16, mostly clear; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, 21, variable, with showers; 22, clear; 23, 24, warm; 25, 26, thunder showers; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, cloudy.

The best medicine for the sick is a pleasant face, cheerful words and quiet ways.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.—continued.

sions, do most for Home Missions. And the reverse is equally true.

The reflex influence of Foreign Missions, the effect upon ourselves, is very marked. We think of the work too much as something done to the heathen, whereas we are all the while powerfully acting upon ourselves. In Foreign Missions we realize the catholicity of Christianity as nowhere else. We develop and strengthen our own faith in God and our love to our neighbor. And, seeing their need of salvation, we study and better understand our own need of it. All this broadens and deepens the missionary spirit and makes us do more at home. Missionary work means: preparing the world for the second coming of Christ. What else should so interest a Christian?

DO YOU VOTE?

Once a year your congregation holds an election for officers. Do you go and vote?

Voting is one of the highest privileges of full membership. Voting is taking part in the administration, ordering and governing of Christ's kingdom, and must not be neglected. If you neglect to vote, and things go wrong, you are accountable for the wrong. If you neglect to vote, and the election does not suit you, you have no right to say a word. Or, you say to the rest, "As you make it, I will be satisfied." But is not this the spirit of sinful indifference?

Congregational elections are often a pitiful sight. Sometimes the election is held on Sunday. This ought not to be. But when it is held on a week-day, how few attend! Men will give a whole day to a civil election, but not one hour to a Church election. Does this not show how little real interest is taken in Church work? The election of officers is an important matter in congregational life, and should never be controlled by a few votes. Sometimes thirty members, yes, even less than a dozen members, hold an election in a large congregation. All this is wrong, inexcusable and hurtful. No Christian can afford to lose his vote by such neglect. He dishonors his membership.

CHURCH MOORINGS.

An old sea captain was riding in the cars, and a young man sat down beside him. He said, "Young man, where are you going?"

"I am going to Philadelphia to live."

"Have you letters of introduction?"

"Yes," said the young man, and he pulled some of them out.

"Well," said the old sea captain, "have you a church certificate?"

"Oh, yes," replied the young man; "I didn't suppose you wanted to look at that."

"Yes," said the sea captain, "I want to see that. As soon as you get to Philadelphia, present that to some Christian Church. I am an old sailor, and I have been up and down in the world, and it's my rule, as soon as I get into port, to fasten my ship fore and aft to the wharf, although it may cost a little wharfage, rather than have my ship out in the stream, floating hither and thither with the tide."

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Hanna	Rom. 9: 1-13	11 40	♌ 14	1st. ☿ rises 2 1 ♘	0 5	5 32	6 28	8 32
Friday	2 Mamas	" 9: 14-33	morn.	♌ 28	♌. ♄ rises 10 49 ♒	1 5	5 33	6 27	9 16
Saturday	3 Hildegarde	" 10:	12 44	♎ 12	♄ rises 9 32	1 5	5 35	6 25	9 56

36] 12*th Sunday after Trinity,* Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 48 *min.*

Sunday	4 Ida	Rom. 11:	1 56	♎ 26	♃ rises 9 48	1 5	5 36	6 24	10 42
Monday	5 John Mollio	" 12:	3 6	♏ 10	♂ ☌ ☉ 7* rises 9 16	1 5	5 37	6 23	11 34
Tuesday	6 Martin Weibel	" 13:	4 16	♏ 24	☽ in per. Sirius ris. 2 38	2 5	5 39	6 21	12 26
Wednesday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 14:	☽ rise	♐ 8	7th. Orion rises 12 21	2 5	5 40	6 20	1 14
Thursday	8 Corbinian	" 15: 1-13	6 24	♐ 21	Spica sets 7 36	2 5	5 41	6 19	1 55
Friday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 15: 14-33	6 54	♑ 5	Wega south 7 24	3 5	5 43	6 17	2 42
Saturday	10 Paul Separatus	" 16:	7 26	♑ 18	♀ rises 2 12	3 5	5 44	6 16	3 31

37] 13*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 16–22. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 30 *min.*

Sunday	11 John Brenz	Acts 20:	8 8	♑ 1	♃ rises 9 25	4 5	4 56	6 15	4 15
Monday	12 Diony's Peloq'n	" 21:	8 46	♑ 13	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 8 49	4 5	4 57	6 13	4 55
Tuesday	13 Wm. Farel	" 22: 23:	9 30	♑ 25	♂ ☽ ♃. ☿ in ♌.	4 5	4 58	6 12	5 43
Wednesday	14 Cyprian	" 24: 25:	10 5	♒ 7	♃ stationary	5 5	4 59	6 11	6 31
Thursday	15 Av. v. Grumb'h	" 26:	10 50	♒ 19	15th. ♂. ♂ ☽ ♄	5 5	5 00	6 10	7 20
Friday	16 Euphemia	" 27:	11 46	♓ 1	♄ rises 10 39 ♘	5 5	5 02	6 8	8 10
Saturday	17 Lambert	" 28:	morn.	♓ 13	7* rises 8 34	6 5	5 03	6 7	8 51

38] 14*th Sunday after Trinity,* Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 12 *min.*

Sunday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	Eph. 1: 1-14	12 40	♈ 25	☽ in apo. Altair so. 8 2	6 5	5 54	6 6	9 40
Monday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 1: 15; 2: 1-1	1 39	♈ 7	♃ rises 9 0	6 5	5 56	6 4	10 31
Tuesday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 2: 11-3	2 39	♈ 19	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ rises 2 35	7 5	5 57	6 3	11 14
Wednesday	21 *Emberday*	" 4: 1-17	3 41	♉ 2	□ ♄ ☉. Rigel ris. 11 42	7 5	5 59	6 1	11 56
Thursday	22 Mauritius	" 4: 18	4 44	♉ 15	☉ enters ♍. Day and Night Equal.	7 6	0 6	0 12	40
Friday	23 Mart. of Genoa	" 5: 6: 1-9	☽ sets	♉ 29	23d. Autumn commences	8 6	1 5	59	1 25
Saturday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 6: 10:	6 18	♊ 13	♂ ☽ ☿. ♄ ris. 8 19	8 6	2 5	58	2 6

39] 15*th Sunday after Trinity,* Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 54 *min.*

Sunday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	Colos. 1:	6 51	♋ 27	♄ rises 10 26	8 6	3 5	57	2 48
Monday	26 Lioba	" 2: 3: 1-4	7 33	♋ 12	Antares sets 8 32	9 6	4 5	56	3 36
Tuesday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 3: 5-4	8 18	♋ 26	☿ rises 2 50	9 6	6 5	54	4 18
Wednesday	28 A. Clarenbach	Philemon	9 12	♌ 10	♃ rises 8 35	9 6	7 5	53	5 9
Thursday	29 St. Michael	Philip 1: 1-26	10 14	♌ 24	♌. ☿ in Aph. ♒	10 6	8 5	52	5 49
Friday	30 Jerome	" 1: 27-2:	11 21	♍ 8	30th. Sirius ris. 1 12	10 6	10 5	50	6 36

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st,	9 o'clock,	1 min.,	morning.
Full Moon,	7th,	11 "	38 "	evening.
Last Quarter,	15th,	3 "	0 "	morning.
New Moon,	23d,	6 "	53 "	morning.
First Quarter,	30th,	4 "	47 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, thunder; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, 16, warm; 17, 18, showers; 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, clear, fair; 28, 29, 30, variable.

We go our ways in life too much alone;
We hold ourselves too far from all our kind;
Too often we are deaf to sigh or moan,
Too often to the weak and helpless blind;
Too often where distress and want abide,
We turn and pass upon the other side.

THE MISSION HOUSE IN WISCONSIN.

From the last report of the officers of the Mission House, at Sheboygan, Wis., we gather the following interesting items:—

In the last year a new edifice was erected, thirty by forty feet, the money for which, $1,500, was collected in advance. During the last year thirteen brethren were sent out to labor in the service of the Church. These have found fields of labor in Wisconsin, Iowa, Ohio, Tennessee, New York and Oregon. Altogether eighty-two ministers have studied in the Mission House, and these are now scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. One is now preaching to the Indians.

"PLAYING AT MISSIONS."

The venerable Dr. Duff, before the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Scotland, said with a tearful tenderness, but with vehement earnestness, "*The Church is playing at missions!*"

An American Presbyterian minister, speaking of this, says:—"Facts go to prove that our American Church, if not *trifling* with this tremendous issue of a world's evangelization, is, at least, not in dead earnest in the matter. Figures are facts, often of great weight, and figures tell heavily against us. The last Annual Report of our Foreign Missionary operations showed, as the aggregate receipts, from a membership of 574,000, to be but $427,000! And this is our "*grand total!*"

This is less than seventy-five cents per member, for a year's work among a thousand millions of unsaved souls!

What now may one say of our own Church, in regard to Foreign Missions?

Let nothing harsh be said; for what is past is past, painful and humiliating as it is. And may God in mercy forgive us!

But now that we are taking a new start in the great work, let us all take part; let us work very earnestly, both in alms and prayers, and do it through all the years that are to come.

HUMILITY.

If thou art a vessel of gold, and thy brother but of wood, be not high-minded; it is God that maketh thee to differ. The more bounty God shows, the more humility He requires. Those mines that are richest are deepest; those stars that are highest seem smallest; the goodliest buildings have the lowest foundation. The more God honoreth men, the more they should humble themselves; the more fruit, the lower the branch on which it grows. Pride is ever the companion of emptiness. Oh, how full was the apostle, yet how low was his language of himself!—least of all saints, last of all apostles, chief of sinners; no sufficiency to think, no abilities to do; all that he is, he is by Divine grace.—*Selected.*

☞ "Are you a professor of religion, my little fellow?" asked a lady of her pastor's six-year-old boy, recently. "No, ma'am," was the little boy's prompt response; "I'm only the Professor's son!"

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Remigius	Philip 3: 4:	morn.	♎ 22	♂ rises 3 19	☋ 10	6 11	5 49	7 24
40] 16*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 36 *min.*				
Sunday	2 Chr. Schmid.	1 Tim. 1:	12 30	♑ 6	♄ rises 10 13		11 6	12 5	48 8 30
Monday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 2:	1 39	♑ 20	♃ rises 8 18		11 6	14 5	46 9 36
Tuesday	4 Franciscus	" 3:	2 49	♒ 4	☽ in per. Sirius ris. 12 57		11 6	15 5	45 10 39
Wednesday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 3: 14-4: 10	3 50	♒ 17	Orion rises 10 37		12 6	16 5	44 11 33
Thursday	6 Henry Albert	" 4: 11-5: 16	4 52	♓ 0	Fomal south 10 2		12 6	18 5	42 12 28
Friday	7 Theodore Beza	" 5: 17	☽ rise	♓ 13	7th. Antares sets 7 52		12 6	19 5	41 1 21
Saturday	8 Rob't of Lincoln	" 6:	5 53	♓ 26	♄ rises 7 0		12 6	20 5	40 2 11
41] 17*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–6.			*Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 18 *min.*				
Sunday	9 Dionysius Areo	Titus 1:	6 30	♈ 9	♂ ☽ ♄. ♀ rises 3 39		13 6	21 5	39 2 59
Monday	10 Justus Jonas	" 2:	7 29	♈ 21	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 7 58		13 6	23 5	37 3 47
Tuesday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 3:	8 14	♉ 3	Regulus rises 10 31		13 6	24 5	36 4 35
Wednesday	12 Henry Bullinger	2 Tim. 1:	9 12	♉ 15	Altair south 6 36		13 6	25 5	35 5 24
Thursday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 2:	10 14	♉ 27	♂ ☽ ♉. ♂ rises 10 2	♌	14 6	27 5	33 6 12
Friday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 3:	11 16	♊ 9	14th. ☿. Andromeda south 10 38		14 6	28 5	32 6 52
Saturday	15 Aurelia	" 4:	morn.	♊ 21	☿ sets 6 30		14 6	29 5	31 7 40
42] 18*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matt. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 58 *min.*				
Sunday	16 Gallus	Heb. 1:	12 18	♋ 3	☽ in apo. ☿ gr. Elon. East		14 6	31 5	29 8 21
Monday	17 Rv. Edict of Nan.	" 2:	1 20	♋ 15	♀ in Perihelion		15 6	32 5	28 9 12
Tuesday	18 St. Luke, Ev.	" 3: 4:	2 29	♋ 27	♃ rises 7 27		15 6	33 5	27 9 58
Wednesday	19 Bruno	" 5:	3 32	♌ 10	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.		15 6	35 5	25 10 46
Thursday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 6:	4 34	♌ 24	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 4 11		15 6	36 5	24 11 34
Friday	21 Hilarion	" 7:	5 40	♍ 8	Rigel rises 10 1		15 6	37 5	23 12 29
Saturday	22 Hedwig	" 8:	☽ se s	♍ 22	22d. ☉ enters ♏		15 6	38 5	22 1 13
43] 19*th Sunday after Trinity,*		Matt. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 42 *min.*				
Sunday	23 Henry Martin	Heb. 9: 1-14	5 46	♎ 6	7* south 1 51		16 6	39 5	21 1 59
Monday	24 Arethas	" 9: 15	6 40	♎ 22	♂ ☽ ☿. ♁ rises 9 48		16 6	41 5	19 2 46
Tuesday	25 John Herz	" 10: 1-18	7 42	♏ 6	Sirius rises 11 40		16 6	42 5	18 3 33
Wednesday	26 Frederick III.	" 10: 19-39	8 39	♏ 21	♃ rises 7 1		16 6	43 5	17 4 17
Thursday	27 Frumentius	" 11:	9 35	♐ 5	♀ rises 4 19	☋	16 6	44 5	16 4 58
Friday	28 Simon and Jude	" 12:	10 32	♐ 19	☿ stationary		16 6	46 5	14 5 40
Saturday	29 Alfred the Great	" 13:	11 29	♑ 3	29th. ☊. Markab south 8 44		16 6	47 5	13 6 33
44] 4*th Sunday before Advent,*		Matt. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14.			*Day's Length,* 10 *hours* 24 *min*				
Sunday	30 Jacob Sturm	John 21: 1-23	morn.	♑ 16	Orion rises 9 4		16 6	48 5	12 7 3
Monday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	1 " 1: 2:	12 14	♑ 1	☽ in per. Regulus rises 9 14		16 6	49 5	11 8 3

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	7th,	8	o'clock,	58	min., morning.
Last Quarter,	14th,	9	"	25	" evening.
New Moon,	22d,	9	"	30	" evening.
First Quarter,	29th,	11	"	46	" evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cloudy; 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, cloudy, rainy; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, 13, cloudy, cold; 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, 20, moderate; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, mostly clear; 27, 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, clear

A big boy who collars a little fellow is always a coward, and often gets whipped. This is true all through life. "I can whip you," said a strong boy to a weak one. "I can beat you ciphering," was the brave answer.

WHAT CAME OF A QUARREL.

Fifty years ago two gangs of workmen in a Belgian coal mine had a quarrel, and one party made a fire so as to smoke the other out. The coal in the mine took fire, and has been burning to this day, for men have not been able to extinguish it. "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

This often happens. From a little quarrel about a little thing, a little fire is kindled in a family, or in a congregation, which burns and spreads, and burns through years, till peace and love and prosperity are quite gone. What a pity! What a sin! What folly!

THE HOUSE OF OBED-EDOM.

The Lord blessed it, because of the Ark of God. How the Ark came to be with Obed-edom is told in 2 Sam. 6: 2-15.

The beautiful lesson of this incident is, that the sacred things of God are a blessing to those who have them under roof.

If the Ark, the symbol of God's presence among men, was a blessing to Obed-edom, then much more are the servants of God a blessing to those who show them favor.

Laban, begging Jacob to stay with him yet longer, said: "The Lord hath blessed me for thy sake" (Gen. 30: 27). And Moses tells us that the blessing of God was upon all that Pharaoh had, in house and field, for Joseph's sake (Gen. 39: 5).

So of Christian hospitality. We, as did Abraham, may entertain angels unawares (Heb. 13: 2), and sometimes knowingly.

To-day the Lord blesses every true Obed-edom, who shelters the Ark or the servant of the Lord. No wonder then, in this view, that our congregations vie with each other for the entertainment of Synod or Classis, and families also for the company of pastors.

IS IT WASTE?

Many people to-day yet are like Judas. Seeing the precious ointment poured upon the holy head of the dear Redeemer, they think it is wasted.

When a great offering is laid on the altar of God for the spread of His kingdom, they call it thrown away—lost.

Alas, what a mistake! What we spend on self, and much that we invest in earthly things—this is lost. But what we put into the Lord's treasury, what we invest in His everlasting work, this is sure to us, and safe. See 1 Tim. 6: 17–19.

How unwise many of God's children are! So long as their money is in stocks, shops, ships, fields and stores, bringing in a visible per cent.,—this they call prosperity, and they are happy.

But to put a tenth, or any reasonable amount, into God's hand; into the work of Missions, Beneficiary Education, Orphans' Homes, etc., where God has promised a sure return (though often invisible to unbelieving eyes),—this they call waste! "Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h.	m.	Sun Sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	m.
Tuesday	1	All Saints	John 3:	1	39	♓	14	♂ ♄ ☉. ♀ rises 4 32 ☋	16	6	51	5	9	9	39
Wednesday	2	Victorinus	" 4:	2	49	♓	27	♄ rises 9 24	16	6	52	5	8	10	37
Thursday	3	Pirminus	" 5:	3	59	♈	10	Sirius rises 11 2	16	6	53	5	7	11	30
Friday	4	John A. Bengel	2 John	5	20	♈	23	Orion rises 8 44	16	6	54	5	6	12	25
Saturday	5	Hans Egede	3 John	☽ rise		♉	5	5th. ♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 11 42	16	6	55	5	5	1	19

45] *3d Sunday before Advent* Matt. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 8 *min.*

Sunday	6	Gustav. Adolph's	Rev. 1:	5	20	♉	17	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 12 2	16	6	56	5	4	1	59
Monday	7	Willibrord	" 2:	6	8	♉	29	♂ Neptune ☉	16	6	57	5	3	2	47
Tuesday	8	Willehad	" 3:	7	10	♊	11	☊. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	16	6	58	5	2	3	32
Wednesday	9	John v. Staupitz	" 4; 5; 6:	8	9	♊	23	♀ rises 4 51	16	6	59	5	1	4	14
Thursday	10	Martin Luther	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	9	7	♋	5	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 9 0 ♍	16	7	0	5	0	5	4
Friday	11	Martin of Tours	" 9: 13-10, 11;	10	6	♋	17	Fomal south 7 44	16	7	1	4	59	5	49
Saturday	12	Phil. de Mornay	" 12: 13:	11	5	♋	29	☿ in Perihelion	16	7	3	4	57	6	37

46] *2d Sunday before Advent,* Matt. 25: 31–46; 2 Thess. 3: 1–10. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 52 *min.*

Sunday	13	Arcadius	Rev. 14: 1-13	morn.		♌	11	13th. ☽ in apo. ♂ ♃ ☉	16	7	4	4	56	7	25
Monday	14	Pet. Mart. Vern	" 14: 14-20	12	3	♌	23	Andromeda south 8 42	15	7	5	4	55	8	15
Tuesday	15	John Kepler	" 15:	1	4	♍	5	♄ south 11 6	15	7	6	4	54	8	59
Wednesday	16	Casp. Creuziger	" 16: 1-8	2	16	♍	18	♀ stationary	15	7	7	4	53	9	47
Thursday	17	Bernward	" 16: 9-21	3	11	♎	2	♁ stationary	15	7	8	4	52	10	35
Friday	18	Greg. Illuminat.	" 17:	4	10	♎	16	♁ rises 8 40	15	7	8	4	52	11	17
Saturday	19	Elizab. of Hesse	" 18:	5	4	♏	0	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 5 21	14	7	9	4	51	11	59

47] *1st Sunday before Advent,* Matt. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3: 3–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 40 *min.*

Sunday	20	John Williams	Rev. 19: 1-10	5	59	♏	14	♂ ☽ ☿. ♃ south 11 36	14	7	10	4	50	12	40
Monday	21	Columbanus	" 19: 11-20: 1-3	☽ sets		♏	29	21st. ☊.	14	7	11	4	49	1	21
Tuesday	22	John Oecolampadius	" 20: 4-15	5	53	♏	14	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☉ enters ♐	14	7	12	4	48	2	8
Wednesday	23	Clemens Roman	" 21: 1-8	6	55	♏	29	♄ south 10 40 ☋	13	7	13	4	47	2	51
Thursday	24	John Knox	" 21: 9-22	8	8	♐	14	☿ gr. Elon. West	13	7	14	4	46	3	40
Friday	25	Catharine	Psalm 96	9	25	♐	29	☽ in per. ☿ rises 6 30	13	7	15	4	45	4	31
Saturday	26	Conrad	" 145	10	32	♑	13	♀ rises 5 34	12	7	15	4	45	5	17

48] *1st Sunday in Advent,* Matt. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 11–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 28 *min.*

Sunday	27	Marg't Blaurer	John 1: 1-14	11	40	♑	27	♁ rises 8 18	12	7	16	4	44	5	59
Monday	28	Alex. Roussel	Gen. 2: 4-25	morn.		♒	11	28th. ♃ so. 11 12	12	7	17	4	43	6	47
Tuesday	29	Satarinus	Matt. 19: 1-12	12	41	♒	24	Arietis south 9 35	11	7	18	4	42	7	35
Wednesday	30	St. Andrew	Eph. 5: 22-33	4	42	♓	7	Altair sets 9 50	11	7	18	4	42	8	23

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	5th,	9	o'clock,	1	min., evening
Last Quarter,	13th,	5	"	9	" "
New Moon,	21st,	11	"	20	" forenoon.
First Quarter,	28th,	7	"	0	" morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, rain and snow; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, clear, cold; 13, 14, 15, moderate; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, rain and snow; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, variable, 28, 29, 30, clear, pleasant.

(♄.) Saturn is the 1st in opposition with the Sun, and shines all night.

(♃.) Jupiter is the 13th in opposition with the Sun, and shines all night.

"HE IS NOT AN ELDER NOW."

So one said about another, an old man who had long been in the Consistory, but who at the time was not in.

Many people think that a man not in the Consistory is not in the office; but this is a great mistake. A minister may not have a charge, but yet he is truly a minister. So with an elder or a deacon. Ordination sets a man in office for life, but installation sets him to active work in a particular congregation. An elder has not lost his office because his term has expired. He still is elder, though not in the active duties of his office.

☞ It is told of a Christian mother, that she had a little room of her own, where on a stand the great family Bible always stood open; and when work pressed hard and children were untoward, or when sickness threatened,—when the skeins of life were all crossways and tangled,—she went quietly to that room, and through faith and prayer took hold of a warm, healing invisible hand, that made the crooked straight, and rough places plain.

CHRONOLOGY.

The common reckoning of time, which counts this present year as *Anno Domini*, or, "in the year of our Lord," 1881, is in fact the chronology as determined by Dionysius Exiguus, of the sixth century, who regarded the birth of Christ as occurring in the year of Rome 754, and hence made that year A. D. 1. But Herod the Great, who slew the infants in Bethlehem, died before the Passover (April) A. U. C. 750 (A. U. C.=*Anno Urbis Conditæ*, "in the year of the founding of the city," Rome); or four years before the date fixed by Dionysius. The narrative shows that Jesus was born before Herod's death; and if only a few months before that event, it must, therefore, have been early in A. U. C. 750, or B. C. 4, that is, 1885 years ago. It was perhaps, as early as December, B. C. 5. Dr. Schaff has placed the two modes of reckoning thus:—

	Jesus Born.				Our Date.
[Supposed] Year of World,	4000	4001	4002	4003	4004	4005
Year of Rome,	749	750	751	752	753	754
Year of Christ,	5	4	3	2	1	1 A.D.

Fixing the date near the close of A. U. C. 749, would make the common era 4 years, not 5 years, too late.

☞ Treat your minister fairly. Pay what you owe him. Do what you promise to him. In everything follow the golden rule. If anything serious is wrong, tell him frankly, but kindly. Visit him, but do not stay long. Give him gifts, but very quietly. Judge him generously. Be merciful in your demands and expectations. Pray for him both in private and in public.

☞ Some members think that they need not support the congregation ("pay the preacher," as they say), *if they do not like the minister.* Every citizen is in duty bound to support the State, whether he likes the Governor or not. Is not the same law true and good in the Church?

☞ Some people, when asked to help to build churches for mission congregations in the West, say: "Let them do there as we do here, pay it themselves." But you forget that many of these Western people helped to build the very churches in which you worship.

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1881.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place.		Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1	Eligius	1 Cor. 7:	2 49	♑	20	♀ rises 5 42	♒ 11 7	19 4	41	9 26
Friday	2	John Ruysbruck	Gen. 3:	3 59	♑	2	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 10 6	10 7	19 4	41	10 25
Saturday	3	Gerhard Groot	" 8: 15-9: 17	5 14	♒	14	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 10 49	10 7	20 4	40	11 23

49] *2d Sunday in Advent,* Luke 21: 25–33; Rom. 15: 4–13. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 20 *min.*

Sunday	4	Gerh. v. Zutphen	Acts 17: 15 34	6 29	♒	26	Sirius rises 8 54	10 7	20 4	40	12 21
Monday	5	Crispin	Gen. 15:	☽ rise	♓	8	5th. Altair sets 9 24	9 7	21 4	39	1 18
Tuesday	6	Nicholas	Deut. 5:	5 41	♓	20	☋. 7* south 10 48	9 7	21 4	39	1 59
Wednesday	7	Paulus Odontius	Exodus 12:	6 46	♈	2	☌ ☽ ♁. ♁ rises 7 29	8 7	22 4	38	2 47
Thursday	8	Mart. Rinkard	Deut. 27:	7 42	♈	13	Fomal sets 9 57	8 7	22 4	38	3 35
Friday	9	Benj. Schmolk	Romans 7:	8 39	♈	25	Regulus rises 10 13	7 7	23 4	37	4 23
Saturday	10	Paul Eber	Leviticus 16:	9 37	♉	7	□ ☌ ☉. ♀ rises 5 53	7 7	23 4	37	5 13

50] *3d Sunday in Advent,* Matt. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 12 *min.*

Sunday	11	Hen. v. Zutphen	Is. 40: John 5:	10 36	♉	19	☽ in apo. ♄ south 9 36	6 7	24 4	36	6 6
Monday	12	Vicelin	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	11 39	♊	1	♃ south 10 14	6 7	24 4	36	6 50
Tuesday	13	Odilia	2 Samuel 7:	morn.	♊	14	13th. Markab sets 12 25	5 7	24 4	36	7 39
Wednesday	14	Dioscorus	Joel 3:	12 43	♊	27	Spica rises 2 26	5 7	25 4	35	8 27
Thursday	15	Christiana	Jeremiah 23:	1 40	♋	10	♁ rises 6 30	5 7	25 4	35	9 14
Friday	16	Adelheid	" 31:	2 41	♋	23	☿ in ♍. Orion ris. 5 48	4 7	25 4	35	9 57
Saturday	17	Sturm	Isa. 52: 13-53	3 40	♌	7	Rigel south 11 27	4 7	25 4	35	10 45

51] *4th Sunday in Advent,* John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	18	Louis v. Seckendorf	John 3: 23-36	4 39	♌	22	Regulus rises 9 30	3 7	25 4	35	11 33
Monday	19	Clemens Alexandrinus	Isaiah 42:	5 28	♋	7	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 6 1	3 7	25 4	35	12 10
Tuesday	20	Abraham	" 49:	6 35	♋	22	♌. ☌ ☽ ☿. ♃ so. 9 40	2 7	25 4	35	12 50
Wednesday	21	*Emberday*	" 55:	☽ sets	♌	8	21st. ☉ enters ♑ Shortest Day.	2 7	26 4	34	1 33
Thursday	22	Hugh McKail	" 58:	6 41	♌	23	Winter Commences ♒	1 7	25 4	35	2 18
Friday	23	Anna du Bourg	" 60:	7 56	♍	8	☽ in per. ♓ stationary	Sun 7	25 4	35	2 59
Saturday	24	Adam and Eve	" 11: 1-10	9 9	♍	22	♄ south 8 1	set's 7	25 4	35	3 47

52] *Christmas Sunday,* John 1: 1–14; Heb. 1: 1–12. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	25	*Christmas*	Isa. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1	10 18	♎	7	7* south 9 25	0 7	25 4	35	4 35
Monday	26	Stephen	Psalm 2: 110:	11 24	♎	20	☿ in Aphelion	1 7	25 4	35	5 23
Tuesday	27	St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	morn.	♏	3	27th. ☌ ♁ ☉	1 7	25 4	35	6 18
Wednesday	28	Innocents	" 49:	12 28	♏	16	♁ south 12 39	2 7	25 4	35	6 58
Thursday	29	David	Rom. 8:	1 29	♏	29	☌ ☽ ♄	2 7	24 4	36	7 45
Friday	30	Christ'n Wurtemb'g	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	2 31	♐	11	☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 8 59	3 7	24 4	36	8 34
Saturday	31	John Wiclif	Psalm 90: 103:	3 29	♐	23	Sirius rises 6 57	3 7	24 4	36	9 16

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	5th,	12	o'clock,	12	min. afternoon.
Last Quarter,	13th,	3	"	3	" "
New Moon,	21st,	12	"	6	" morning.
First Quarter,	27th,	3	"	40	" afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, clear; 7, 8, 9, cold; 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, moderate; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, snow; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, cloudy with snow; 30, 31, fair, clear.

(♂.) Mars is the 17th in opposition with the Sun, and shines with its red brilliancy all night.

Reading and thinking, like eating and digesting, must go together. Some gulp down book after book, without much profit. Read a book carefully, and make its thoughts your own.

USE YOUR HYMN BOOK.

So many members have not hymn books, and so many who have do not use them in public worship. This is inexcusable, and much more sinful than men generally suppose. Do you not care to worship God? Every member should have a hymn book and use it in church. So often the men sit and listen, just as if they were not expected to join in public worship; and even devout women let the choir praise the Lord for them.

DOES FATHER PRAY?

One evening, after John arose from his knees, he said: "Ma, when I get to be a man, I won't have to pray, will I?" "Yes, dear," said the mother; "you will always have to pray to God." "Well, father doesn't pray, and he is a man."

☞ Keeping the mouth shut is a Christian grace—one which is too little cultivated.

THE CHURCH'S WATCH.

I.

Is the Bridegroom absent still?
Watch thou, then, O faithful Bride;
Watch and pray,
Till the day
When the Bridegroom to thy side
Shall in love and glory come
To find with thee His throne and home;
Not to depart again,
Nor leave thee in thy widowhood,
In darkness and in solitude,
Exposed to every foe
Of earth around and hell below;
But over earth to reign!

II.

Is the Bridegroom absent still?
Watch, O blood-bought Church of God;
Severed from an evil world,
Walk thou in the heavenly road.
Keep thy garments undefiled,
Of the flesh abhor each spot,
Cast behind thee all of self,
Be time's vanity forgot.
Let the cry be heard, "How long,"
Lord, how long shall evil reign?
When shall sin be swept away,
And this earth be clean again?
Lord, how long shall error spread,
Truth be trodden in the dust,
Hatred flow from tongue and pen,
Hatred of the good and just!
Hatred of the Christ of God,
Of His true and holy word!
Mockery of His holy crown,
Scorn of His uplifted sword?
This the burden of thy cry,
When shall end the age of wrong,
Error, pain, misrule, and lust,
Righteous King and Lord, how long?

—BONAR.

☞ The best way to read the Bible is to read it as you do other books, not a few verses or chapters at a time, *but whole books*, most of which are short enough for a single reading. Then you get the connection and spirit of the book.

☞ The Persians have a proverb which says that when an orphan prays, the throne of God rocks from side to side. It teaches that God is intensely interested in helpless children.

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SUMMARY.

The Superintendent of Missions of the above-named Synods gives the following summary:—

Missionaries	38
Members	2910
Additions during the year	324
Baptisms	292
Sunday-School Scholars	2988
Alms	$ 525
Amount Given to Local Expenses	8,238
Value of Church Property, about	125,000
Debt on it, about	30,000

REMARKS.

Our Home Mission field is very large, and the call for men and money is solemnly earnest. Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, California and several Southern States are a ripe harvest.

The salaries paid our missionaries are pitifully small; and, worse than this, the Board of Missions cannot even pay them when due.

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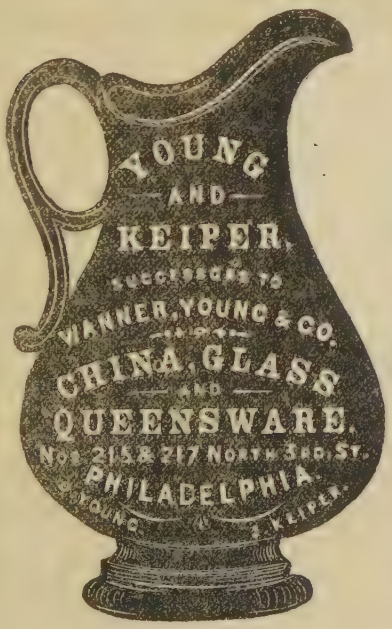

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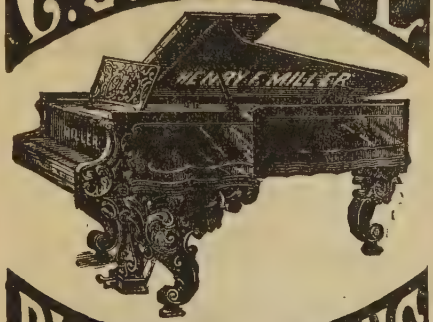

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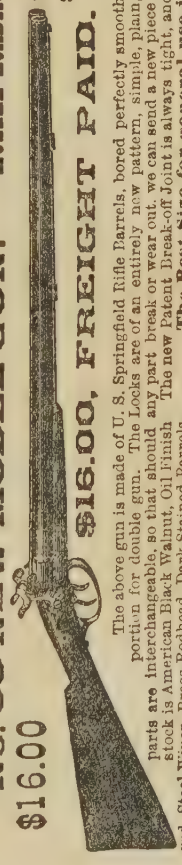

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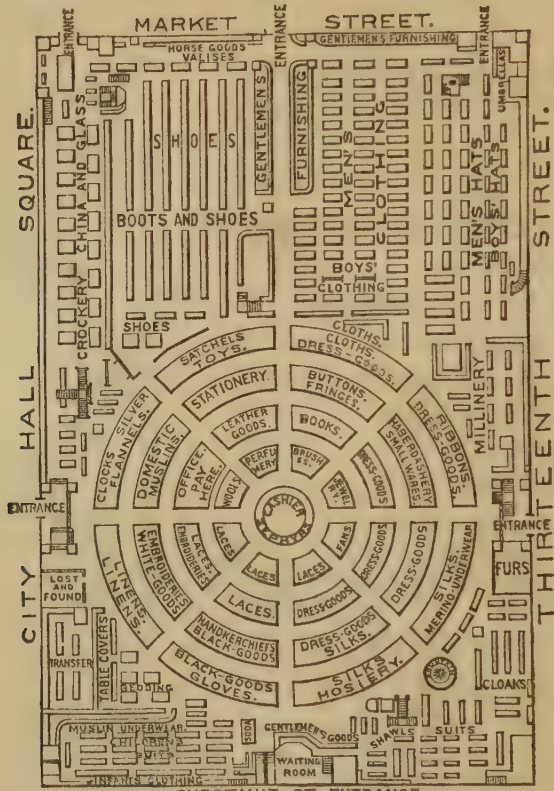

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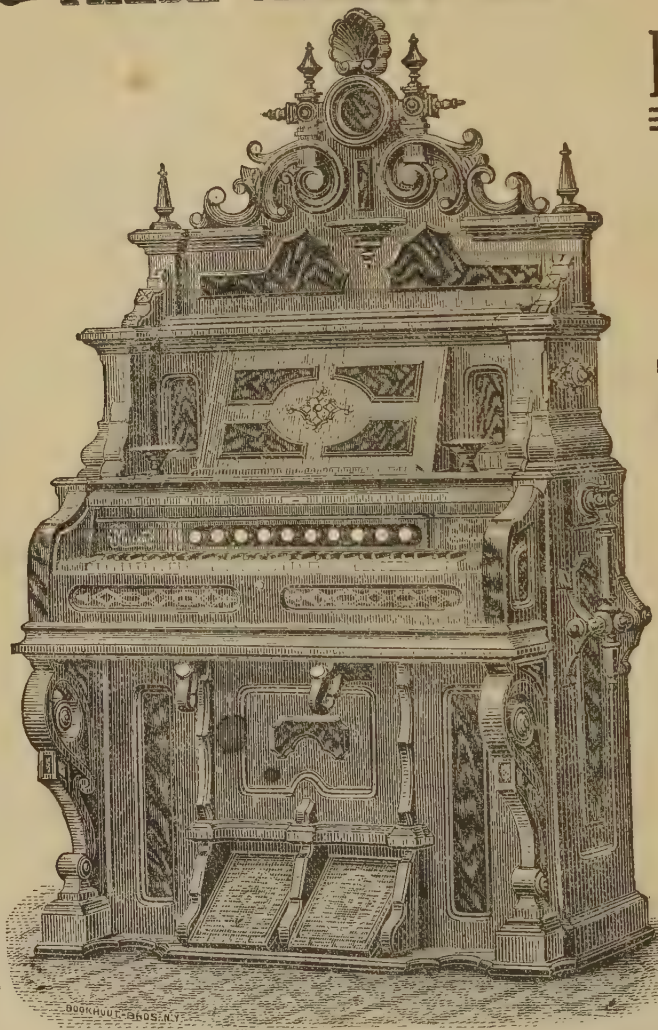

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MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
New Moon.	First Quarter.	Full Moon.	Last Quarter.	♄ Saturn.	♂ Mars.	♀ Venus.	☽ Moon.
				♃ Jupiter.	☉ Sun.	☿ Mercury.	♅ Hersche

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. | □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⚺ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. | △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter,	A.	Solar Cycle,	1
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The Jewish Era, with their 5643d year, commences September 14th, 1882.
The Mohammedan Era, with their 1300th year, commences November 12th, 1882.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb'y 5.	Palm Sunday, April 2.	Trinity Sunday, June 4.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb'y 19.	Easter Sunday, April 9.	Corpus Christi, June 8.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb'y 21.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 18.	1st Sunday in Advent, Dec. 3.
Ash Wednesday, Feb'y 22.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost, May 28.	Sundays after Trinity are 25.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

March 1. May 31. September 20. December 20.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters	♈	March 20th,	12	o'clock	8	minutes,	afternoon
Summer Solstice,	" "	♋	June 21st,	8	"	10	"	morning.
Autumnal Equinox,	" "	♎	September 22d,	11	"	12	"	evening.
Winter Solstice,	" "	♑	December 21st,	5	"	2	"	evening.

(♃.) Jupiter is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1882.

There will be two Eclipses this year: both of the Sun.

The first is a total Eclipse of the Sun, May 17th, 2 o'clock, 40 minutes in the morning. Invisible here visible in Africa, Europe and Asia.

The second is an annular Eclipse of the Sun, November 10th, 6 o'clock, 25 minutes in the evening Therefore invisible; visible in Australia and Southern Pacific Ocean.

A Transit of Venus over the Sun's disc, December 6. Visible in the United States.

Beginning of Ingress	9	o'clock,	16	minutes morning.
Middle of Ingress	12	"	4	" afternoon.
End of Egress	2	"	51	" afternoon.

Duration, 5 hours and 35 minutes. A dark spot will pass over the Sun from East to West.

JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1882.

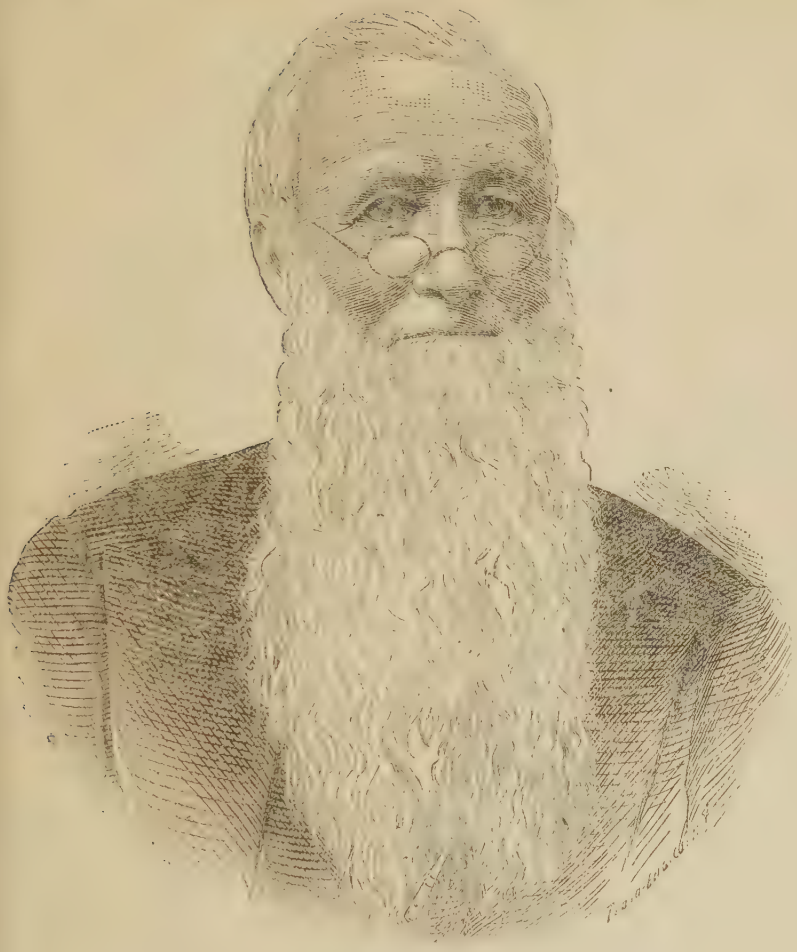
Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
1] *New Year Sunday,*		Luke 2: 15–21; Col. 2: 8–17.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday	1 *New Year*	John 1: 29–34	4 22	♑ 7	☉ in Perigee ♉ ☋	4 7	2 34	3 7	10 17
Monday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	" 1: 38–51	5 13	♑ 19	☿ rises 6 20	4 7	2 34	3 7	11 19
Tuesday	3 Gordius	" 2	6 4	♒ 2	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 12 0 ♓	5 7	2 34	3 7	12 22
Wednesday	4 Titus	" 3	☽ rise	♒ 18	4th. ♄ south 7 26	5 7	2 24	3 8	1 25
Thursday	5 Simeon	" 4	5 54	♒ 27	Rigel south 10 5	6 7	2 24	3 8	2 15
Friday	6 *Epiphany*	" 5	6 51	♓ 11	☌ ☿ ☉ Superior	6 7	2 14	3 9	2 55
Saturday	7 Widukind	" 6: 1–25	7 50	♓ 24	☽ in apo. ♄ stationary	7 7	2 14	3 9	3 40
2] *1st Sunday after Epiphany.*		Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min.*				
Sunday	8 Severinus	John 6: 26–71	8 48	♈ 8	♃ south 8 16	7 7	2 04	4 0	4 20
Monday	9 Catharine Zell	" 7	9 49	♈ 21	7* south 8 17	7 7	2 04	4 0	4 59
Tuesday	10 Paul of Thebas	" 8: 1–20	10 40	♉ 5	♃ stationary	8 7	1 94	4 1	5 41
Wednesday	11 Fructuosus	" 8: 21–50	11 42	♉ 19	Orion south 10 15	8 7	1 94	4 1	6 26
Thursday	12 Jean Castellain	" 9	morn.	♊ 3	12th. ♄ so'th 11 20	9 7	1 84	4 2	7 8
Friday	13 Hilary	" 10: 1–21	12 40	♊ 18	♄ south 6 56	9 7	1 74	4 3	8 0
Saturday	14 Felix	" 10: 22–24	1 59	♋ 2	Aldebaran south 8 42	9 7	1 74	4 3	8 43
3] *2d Sunday after Epiphany.*		John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 28 min.*				
Sunday	15 John de Laski	Mark 1: 1–20	3 9	♋ 16	♌ Sirius south 10 50	10 7	1 64	4 4	9 40
Monday	16 George Spalatine	" 1: 21–45	4 19	♌ 0	☿ Hel. Lat. south ☋	10 7	1 54	4 5	10 38
Tuesday	17 Anthony	" 2	5 23	♌ 14	♃ south 7 40	10 7	1 44	4 6	11 34
Wednesday	18 John Blackader	" 3: 1–10	6 16	♌ 28	☌ ☽ ☿ . ☿ rises 6 50	11 7	1 34	4 7	12 25
Thursday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 3: 20–35	☽ sets	♍ 12	19th. Procyon south 11 24	11 7	1 24	4 8	1 20
Friday	20 Fabian	" 4	6 43	♍ 25	☽ in per ☌ ☽ ☿ . ☉ in ter ♒	11 7	1 14	4 9	2 5
Saturday	21 Agnes	" 5: 6: 1–6	7 56	♎ 8	Regulus rises 7 2	11 7	1 14	4 9	2 47
4] *3d Sunday after Epiphany,*		Matth. 8: 1–13; Rom. 12: 17–21.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 40 min.*				
Sunday	22 Vincent	Mark 6: 7–29	9 5	♎ 21	♄ south 6 30	12 7	1 04	5 0	3 30
Monday	23 Isaiah	" 6: 30–56	10 12	♏ 3	♄ south 6 16	12 7	0 94	5 1	4 10
Tuesday	24 Timothy	" 7: 1–23	11 16	♏ 16	Neptune stationary	12 7	0 84	5 2	4 50
Wednesday	25 *Paul's Conver.*	" 7: 24–37	morn.	♏ 28	□ ♄ ☉	13 7	0 74	5 3	5 30
Thursday	26 Polycarp	" 8	12 22	♐ 9	26th. ☽ ☌ ♄ ♃	13 7	0 64	5 4	6 21
Friday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	" 9	1 6	♐ 21	♃ south 7 1	13 7	0 54	5 5	7 10
Saturday	28 Charlemagne	" 10: 1–31	2 22	♑ 3	7* south 6 56	13 7	0 44	5 6	7 49
5] *4th Sunday after Epiphany,*		Matth. 8: 23–37; Rom. 13: 1–7.			*Day's Length 9 hours, 54 min.*				
Sunday	29 Juventin	Matth. 3	6 16	♑ 15	♉ Orion south 5 58	13 7	0 24	5 8	8 47
Monday	30 Henry Müller	" 4: 1–22	4 7	♑ 27	☌ ☽ ♄ . ♄ south 10 0 ♓	14 7	0 24	5 8	9 45
Tuesday	31 Hans Sachs	" 4: 23	4 55	♒ 10	Rigel south 8 14	14 7	0 14	5 9	10 44

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	4th,	5 o'clock,	57 min.	morning.
Last Quarter,	12th,	10 "	46 "	forenoon.
New Moon,	19th,	11 "	36 "	forenoon.
First Quarter,	26th,	2 "	43 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, cold; 7, 8, clear; 9, 10, snow; 11, 12, 13, coldest days; 14, 15, 16, moderate; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, snow; 21, clear; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, 28, clear, cold; 29, 30, 31, mild and clear.



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Washington	11.48	"
Charleston	11.36	"
Havana	11.25	"
Boston	12.12	P. M.
Quebec	12.12	"
Portland	12.15	"
London	4.55	"
Paris	5.05	"
Rome	5.45	"
Constantinople	6.41	"
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FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Ignatius	Matth. 5: 13–32	5 34	♒ 23	Sirius south 9 37 ♓	14 7	0 5	0 11	42
Thursday	2 *Candle Mass*	" 5: 33–48	6 12	♓ 6	♄ stationary Nept. □ ☉	14 6	59 5	1 12	41
Friday	3 Ansgar	" 6	☽ rise	♓ 20	3d ♄ sets 11 56	14 6	58 5	2 1	40
Saturday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 7	6 36	♈ 4	☽ in apo. ☿ in ♌.	14 6	56 5	4 2	20

6] *Septuagesima Sunday.* Matt. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–10: 5. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	5 P. S. Spener	Luke 3	7 37	♈ 18	☿ sets 5 50	14 6	55 5	5 3	6
Monday	6 Amandus	" 4	8 38	♈ 2	□ ♃ ☉ ☿ gr. elon. East. ♀ in Per.	14 6	54 5	6 3	49
Tuesday	7 George Wagner	" 5	9 44	♉ 16	♄ south 9 30	14 6	53 5	7 4	30
Wednesday	8 Maria Andreæ	" 6: 1–19	10 47	♉ 0	☿ in Perihelion	14 6	52 5	8 5	15
Thursday	9 John Hooper	" 6: 20–49	11 49	♉ 14	Sirius south 9 5	15 6	51 5	9 6	6
Friday	10 F. C. Oetinger	" 7	morn.	♉ 28	♌ Arctur rises 9 20	15 6	50 5	10 6	48
Saturday	11 Hugo de St. Vict.	" 8	12 53	♊ 12	11th. ♃ south 6 15	15 6	48 5	12 7	41

7] *Sexagesima Sunday.* Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 19–12: 9. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	12 Lady Jane Grey	Luke 9: 1–36	2 1	♊ 26	☿ stationary ♋	15 6	47 5	13 8	36
Monday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 9: 37–62	3 4	♊ 10	♄ sets 11 26	15 6	46 5	14 9	33
Tuesday	14 Brun of Querfurt	" 10	3 59	♊ 24	Orion south 7 55	14 6	45 5	15 10	31
Wednesday	15 Jacob von Loh	" 11: 1–36	4 49	♋ 7	Spica rises 9 56	14 6	44 5	16 11	26
Thursday	16 Matth. Desübas	" 11: 37	5 51	♋ 20	♁ south 9 1	14 6	42 5	18 12	19
Friday	17 Pat. Hamilton	" 12: 13–59	☽ sets	♌ 3	17th. ☽ in Per.	14 6	41 5	19 1	12
Saturday	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 13: 1–21	6 40	♌ 16	☽ ☌ ☿ ☿ ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	14 6	39 5	21 1	52

8] *Quinquagesima Sunday.* Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–13. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 44 *min.*

Sunday	19 Mesrob	Luke 13: 22–35	7 51	♌ 29	☉ enters ♓	14 6	38 5	22 2	42
Monday	20 Sadoth	" 14	8 58	♍ 11	☌ ☿ ☉ Superior	14 6	37 5	23 3	24
Tuesday	21 *Shrove Tuesday*	" 15	10 2	♍ 23	♃ sets 12 0	14 6	36 5	24 4	12
Wednesday	22 *Ash Wednesday*	" 16	11 7	♎ 5	☌ ☿ ☉. Inferior ☌ ☽ ♄	14 6	35 5	25 5	6
Thursday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	" 17: 1–19	morn.	♎ 16	☌ ☽ ♃ ♍.	14 6	33 5	27 5	56
Friday	24 Matthias	" 17: 20–37	12 1	♎ 28	24th. ♄ sets 11 1	13 6	32 5	28 6	41
Saturday	25 Casp. Olevianus	" 18: 1–30	12 57	♏ 10	7* sets 12 36	13 6	31 5	29 7	30

9] *1st Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 2 *min.*

Sunday	26 Berthold Haller	Luke 18: 31–19: 28	1 50	♏ 22	☌ ☽ ♁ ♄ south 8 16	13 6	29 5	31 8	15
Monday	27 Martin Bucer	" 19: 29–20: 18	2 37	♐ 4	Spica rises 9 10 ♓	13 6	28 5	32 9	10
Tuesday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 20: 19–21: 4	3 20	♐ 17	Andromeda sets 9 2	13 6	27 5	33 10	4

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	3d,	12	o'clock,	57	min., morning.
Last Quarter,	11th,	3	"	32	" "
New Moon,	17th,	9	"	48	" evening.
First Quarter,	24th,	4	"	29	" evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, cloudy; 2, 3, variable, with snow; 4, 5, 6, moderate; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, snow; 11, 12, N. W.; 13, 14, cold; 15, 16, mild; 17, variable; 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, rain or snow; 23, 24, N. W.; 25, 26, 27, cold, 28, cloudy.

(☿.) Venus is Morning Star till the 20th of February, 7 o'clock, 10 min., evening. Then again Evening Star till the 6th of December, then Morning Star till the end of the year.

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OUR HOME MISSIONARY WORK.

THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

This Board represents the Eastern, the Pittsburg, and the Potomac Synods, having 103,000 communicants, 394 ministers, and 824 congregations.

It has 44 missions (of which 27 are in Pennsylvania), with 3,408 communicants, and 3,309 Sunday-school scholars, whose alms from May 1878, to May 1881, were $2,348.

The Board received from the Church for its work in 1878, $7,538; in 1879, $10,834; in 1880, $12,947.

THE BOARD OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod has 21,000 communicauts, 148 ministers, 298 congregations.

This Board has 17 missions, with 586 communicants, and 660 Sunday-school scholars, whose alms in three years were $603.

The Board received for its work in 1878, $1603; in 1879, $3,012; in 1880, $3,206.

SYNOD OF THE NORTH-WEST.

This Synod has 22,000 communicants, 162 ministers, and 248 congregations.

During the three years prior to 1881, it had under its care, 46 missions. Of these, 15 became self-sustaining, and 6 were abandoned. Amount received for its work during three years, $7,737.

GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

This Synod has 9,500 communicants, 44 ministers, and 39 congregations.

It has under its care, 11 missions, with 1,764 communicants, and 1,823 Sunday-school scholars, whose alms in three years were $826, during which time it received from the Church, $5,000.

ENGLISH CLASSIS OF IOWA.

It has 947 communicants, 15 ministers, and 25 congregations. It has under its care, 7 missions, with 319 communicants, and 319 Sunday-school scholars. The alms of the whole Classis in 1880, were $488.

URSINUS UNION.

This is an association in the Eastern part of the Church, in the interest of missions. From May 1878, to May 1881, it received and expended $2,444, which was sent through the various Boards to designated missions.

BOARD OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

This Board in three years received $3,500, nearly all by legacy. It received so little, and has had so little to do, because our Missionary work has all been carried forward by the Classes and District Synods.

SUMMARY.

The amount received from the whole Church for Home Missions, from May 1878, to May 1881, was $54,500.

In the three years before, it received $42,000.

This increase came as follows: from the Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomac Synods, $6,600; from Ohio Synod, $2,400; from the Synod of the North-west, $3,500.

The yearly amount given by our whole Reformed Church for Home Missions is less than $20,000. Divide this by the number of members, (160,000), and the amount given by each is the sad sum of 12 cents. ! ! ! Ought not this to touch every conscience, and awaken all to new interest?

MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. l. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 *Emberday*	Luke 21: 5–35	4 0	1	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♓	13 6	25 5	35 11	6
Thursday	2 John Wesley	" 22: 1–30	4 36	14	♃ sets 11 36	12 6	24 5	36 11	49
Friday	3 Bathilde	" 22: 31–71	5 30	28	☽ in apo. ♄ sets 10 40	12 6	23 5	37 12	30
Saturday	4 Geo. Wishart	" 23	☽ rise	12	4th. ♂ south 7 40	12 6	21 5	39 1	10

10] *2d Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 15: 21–28; 1 Thess. 4: 1–8. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday	5	Thos. Aquinas	Mark 10: 32–52	6 54	26	Sirius south 7 34	12	6	20	5 40	2 12
Monday	6	Fridolin	" 11	7 56	11	☿ stationary. ☌ ♃ ☉	11	6	19	5 41	3 11
Tuesday	7	Perpetua	" 12	8 57	26	7* sets 11 57	11	6	17	5 43	4 16
Wednesday	8	Zach. Ursinus	" 13	9 58	11	Spica rises 8 36	11	6	16	5 44	4 58
Thursday	9	Cyrillus	" 14: 1–54	10 58	25	Regulus south 10 41	11	6	15	5 45	5 41
Friday	10	Forty Marts Seb.	" 14: 55–15: 15	11 59	9	♌. ♄ sets 10 22	10	6	13	5 47	6 29
Saturday	11	Wm. Hoseus	" 15: 16–47	morn.	23	Wega rises 10 20	10	6	12	5 48	7 14

11] *3d Sunday in Lent.* Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 38 min.*

Sunday	12	Greg. the Great	Matth. 20: 17–33	12 52	7	12th. ♄ ☌ ☽	10	6	11	5 49	7 54
Monday	13	Rudiricus	" 21	1 50	20	Arctur rises 7 26	10	6	10	5 50	8 42
Tuesday	14	Matilda	" 22	2 49	4	♃ sets 11 4	9	6	8	5 52	9 22
Wednesday	15	Thos. Cranmer	" 23	3 20	17	Orion south 6 18	9	6	7	5 53	10 10
Thursday	16	Heribert	" 24: 1–31	4 0	0	Antares rises 12 12	9	6	6	5 54	10 54
Friday	17	St. Patrick	" 24: 32–51	4 34	13	♂ ☽ ☿. Sirius so. 6 50	9	6	4	5 56	11 45
Saturday	18	Alexander	" 25	5 9	25	☽ in per. ♄ sets 10 2	8	6	2	5 58	12 34

12] *4th Sunday in Lent.* John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 58 min.*

Sunday	19	Mary & Martha	Matth. 26: 1–13	☽ sets	7	19th. ♂ ☽ ♀. ♄ South 6 42	8	6	1	5 59	1 23
Monday	20	Ambrose of Sien.	" 26: 14–35	7 45	19	☉ ent. ♈ Day and Night Equal.	8	6	0	6 0	2 13
Tuesday	21	Benedict	" 26: 36–56	8 50	1	☿ gr. Elon. West. Spring Com.	7	5	58	6 2	2 54
Wednesday	22	Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 26: 57–27: 2	9 51	13	♂ ☽ ♄. ☿ rises 5 13	7	5	57	6 3	3 41
Thursday	23	Wolfgang	" 27: 3–31	10 47	25	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 10 40	7	5	56	6 4	4 32
Friday	24	Florentius	" 27: 32–50	11 46	5	☿ in Aphelion	6	5	55	6 5	5 14
Saturday	25	Ann. V. Mary	" 27: 51–56	morn.	19	♉. 7* sets 11 1	6	5	54	6 6	5 40

13] *5th Sunday in Lent.* John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 16 min.*

Sunday	26	Lindger	John 11	12 30	1	26th. ♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ So. 6 20 ♓	6	5	52	6 8	6 38
Monday	27	Rupertus	" 12	1 15	13	♄ sets 9 37	5	5	51	6 9	7 28
Tuesday	28	John v. Goch	" 13: 1–30	1 56	25	Altair rises 12 45	5	5	50	6 10	8 15
Wednesday	29	Eustatius	" 13: 31–14: 1	2 31	8	Pollux south 7 6	5	5	48	6 12	8 49
Thursday	30	John Heermann	" 15	3 3	22	☽ in apo. ♃ sets 10 18	5	5	47	6 13	9 33
Friday	31	Ernest the Pious	" 16	3 33	6	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	4	5	46	6 14	10 16

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	4th,	7	o'clock,	38	min., evening.
Last Quarter,	12th,	4	"	26	" evening.
New Moon,	19th,	7	"	16	" morning.
First Quarter,	26th,	8	"	32	" morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, moderate; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, cold 12, 13, rain and snow; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, 19, N. W storm; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, clear; 26 27, rain; 28, 29, cold; 30, 31, pleasant.

In the Revolutionary War, many a woman served her country by giving a cup of cold water to some thirsty soldier. So you may serve your Lord, in the holy war against sin and Satan. And your reward also is sure (Mark 9: 41).

BEWARE.

Refusing to answer the great cries for help which come up from all parts of the Church—from Mission fields, from Orphan Homes, from needy students for the ministry, from God's poor of every class—turning a deaf ear to these calls, is turning Christ away from your door. You can find the particulars in Matt. 25: 41–45.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME,

is at Butler, Butler Co., Pa.; was opened in December, 1867; had Rev. C. A. Limberg as Superintendent, to May, 1871, and Rev. J. B. Thompson from June, 1871, to April, 1877, and since that time, Rev. T. F. Stauffer. The Home is free from debt, and has 40 orphans. The yearly outlay is about $3,600.

LATE AT CHURCH.

1. *It is only a habit.* One may sometimes be late through an accident or hindrance of some kind; but most people are late simply from habit—a little late everywhere.

2. *It is very annoying to all who come in time.* It breaks in upon the opening service. People hear a noise, and naturally want to know who is thus disturbing the worship. Then thoughts come which are not devout, and the attention of many is broken, the minister cannot be heard, and everybody feels annoyed.

3. *It is very irreverent.* It shows that you have but little respect for the house of God and for the solemnity of His service. Few persons think of going out before the close; but it is equally shameful to get in after the beginning.

4. *You lose by coming late.* Many make but little account of the opening service, and feel satisfied if only they are there in time for the sermon! You need the beginning just as much as you need the end or the middle. Coming late you lose the invocation, the hymn, perhaps even the main prayer. Is this nothing!

5. *Habitual or even frequent late coming is utterly inexcusable.* You have no right to annoy a whole congregation, nor to be irreverent in God's house, nor to lose part of the worship.

JUSTICE TO ALL.

Last year a Classis in the Pittsburg Synod, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the respective Consistories of the several charges in Allegheny Classis be instructed to erase from the roll of membership of their congregations, the name of any member, who has not without good and sufficient reasons, contributed at least a reasonable amount towards the support of the Gospel, within the space of two years; and further,

Resolved, That this Classis in order to protect her ministers, declines hereafter to confirm a call, or install a pastor in any of the charges of this Classis, until all arrearages on the salary of the former pastor are adjusted.

Some people will think this is dreadful; but those who are faithful and regular in supporting the Church will say it is just. It protects not only ministers, but rather the members. It puts a mark on those who are stealing the Gospel, having Church privileges without paying for them, using the Church at the cost of others.

APRIL, *4th Month, 30 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Tritigid	John 17	4 10	♓ 20	Sirius sets 10 19	♒ 4 5	4 46	16 11	18

14] *Palm Sunday.* John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–11. *Day's Length*, 12 *hours*, 34 *min.*

Sunday	2 Theodosia	Lam. Jeremiah	4 40	♈ 5	☐ ♄ ☉. ♄ sets 12 40	4 5	43	6 17	12 19
Monday	3 Gerh. Tersteegen	Hebrews 8	☽ rise	20	3d. ♄ sets 9 10	3 5	42	6 18	1 17
Tuesday	4 Ambrose	" 9	7 36	♉ 5	♃ sets 9 49	3 5	41	6 19	1 57
Wednesday	5 Christ. Scriver	" 10	8 44	20	7* sets 10 12	3 5	39	6 21	2 43
Thursday	6 *Maundy Th.*	John 6	9 51	5	☊. Regulus south 8 59	3 5	38	6 22	3 31
Friday	7 *Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32–49	10 56	19	Orion sets 11 11	2 5	37	6 23	4 16
Saturday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	Heb. 4	11 53	♊ 3	Aldebaran sets 10 14 ♋	2 5	35	6 25	4 56

15] *Easter Sunday.* John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11. *Day's Length*, 12 *hours*, 52 *min.*

Sunday	9 *Easter Sunday*	Matth. 28	morn.	♊ 17	♓ in Perihelion	2 5	34	6 26	5 44
Monday	10 *Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1–12	12 50	♋ 0	♃ sets 9 19	2 5	33	6 27	6 31
Tuesday	11 Leo the Great	Acts 2: 22–27	1 34	14	11th. ♄ sets 8 42	1 5	32	6 28	7 29
Wednesday	12 Sabas	1 Cor. 15	2 16	27	Antares rises 10 33	1 5	31	6 29	8 24
Thursday	13 Justin Martyr	Rom. 6	2 48	♌ 9	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	1 5	29	6 31	9 19
Friday	14 John Eccast	" 8	3 17	22	Spica south 11 46	1 5	28	6 32	10 18
Saturday	15 Simon Dach	1 Cor. 3	3 48	♍ 4	☽ in per. ♄ sets 12 12	Sun 5	27	6 33	11 17

16] 1*st Sunday after Easter.* John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–10. *Day's Length*, 13 *hours*, 10 *min.*

Sunday	16 Peter Waldo	John 1	4 32	♍ 16	♂ ☽ ☿. ♃ sets 8 46	fast 5	25	6 35	12 16
Monday	17 Mappalicus	" 2	☽ sets	28	17th. 7* sets 9 31	0 5	24	6 36	1 16
Tuesday	18 Lutheran Worms	" 3	7 40	♎ 10	☽ ♂ ♀ ♄. ♀ sets 7 35	1 5	23	6 37	1 58
Wednesday	19 Melanchthon	" 4	8 39	22	♂ ♀ ♄. ♂ ☽ ♃	1 5	22	6 38	2 42
Thursday	20 John Bugenhag.	" 5	9 39	♏ 3	♐. ☉ enters ♉	1 5	20	6 40	3 24
Friday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 6: 1–40	10 29	15	♂ Neptune ♀	1 5	19	6 41	4 11
Saturday	22 Origen	" 6: 41–71	11 16	27	♄ sets 8 0	2 5	18	6 42	4 55

17] 2*d Sunday after Easter.* John 10: 11–16; 1 Peter 2: 20–25. *Day's Length*, 13 *hours*, 26 *min.*

Sunday	23 Adelbert	John 7	11 59	♏ 9	♃ sets 8 24	2 5	17	6 43	5 41
Monday	24 Wilfrid	" 8: 1–30	morn.	21	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 11 46	2 5	16	6 44	6 30
Tuesday	25 Mark, Ev.	" 8: 31–59	12 50	♐ 4	25th. Orion sets 10 15	2 5	15	6 45	7 14
Wednesday	26 Trudpert	" 9	1 21	17	♀ sets 7 50	2 5	14	6 46	8 6
Thursday	27 Otto Catelin	" 10	1 53	♑ 0	☽ in apo.	2 5	12	6 48	8 49
Friday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 11	2 19	14	Rigel sets 8 47	3 5	11	6 49	9 30
Saturday	29 L. von Berquin	" 12	2 49	28	Arctur south 11 41	3 5	10	6 50	10 12

18] 3*d Sunday after Easter.* John 16: 16–22; 1 Peter 2: 11–19. *Day's Length*, 13 *hours*, 42 *min.*

Sunday	30 Geo. Calixtus	John 13: 14:	3 17	♎ 13	Spica south 10 46.	3 5	9	6 51	10 52

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	3d,	12	o'clock,	45	min., afternoon.
Last Quarter,	11th,	1	"	28	" morning.
New Moon,	17th,	4	"	37	" afternoon.
First Quarter,	25th,	1	"	54	" morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, thunder; 5, 6, cool; 7, 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, pleasant, warm; 22, showers; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27 warm; 28, clear; 29, 30, thunder, showers.

Cover the Cross with flowers. It is empty, and speaks not so much of death as of the resurrection.

"The Lord hath risen, as all things tell;
Good Christians, see ye rise as well."

THE CHURCH YEAR.

The Church Year is the religious side of our life.

As the civil year has its great days, celebrating leading facts in the history of the nation, so the Christian year has its high days, its festival seasons, commemorating great facts in the life of Christ and in the work of redemption.

The Gospels and Epistles of the Church Year (the Scripture lesson for each Sunday) are very old. They are traced back to the early and pure ages of the Church. Indeed, the custom may have come from the Jewish Church. The Jews read much of their Scriptures in the Synagogue service by parts and selections. The five books of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets were divided into parts, and one part was read every Sabbath.

Very early the Christian Church found it well to read her New Testament in the same way; and gradually our present Gospel and Epistle selections were prepared, which thus are sacred from long use among God's people.

Therefore, the Church Year belongs to the whole Christian Church, and is found in all lands, and in most denominations, and is now gradually receiving favor where thirty years ago it was despised.

FIGURES WORTH STUDYING.

In 1800, there were only seven Missionary Societies in all the world; now there are seventy.

These yearly receive and expend nearly $7,000,000, in the work of Foreign Missions.

They employ about 2,500 ordained missionaries, and as many more unordained. Besides, the missionaries have about 25,000 native helpers (preachers, catechists, teachers, colporteurs, &c.).

In 1800, there were but 50,000 heathen converts in Protestant Missions; now there are 1,650,000, (nine-tenths of whom have been gathered into the Church within twenty-five years).

These 1,650,000 heathen converts are found as follows:

In Africa, including Madagascar,	460,000.
In West Indies,	310,000.
In India and Burmah,	440,000.
In Indian Archipelago,	90,000.
In South Sea Islands,	300,000.
In China and Japan,	50,000.

WHAT A STUBBORN HORSE CAN DO.

Some time ago in New York City, a stubborn horse kept back forty or fifty street-cars; but if he had tried to work instead of standing in the way, he could not have pulled a single car.

So in the Church. Many a person can hinder others ten-fold more than he can help them. Standing in the way, he can block up a whole congregation, and keep back a great work.

☞ Many people take less interest in Church work than they do in a Church fight.

MAY, *5th Month, 31 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h.	m.	Sun sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	m.
Monday	1 Phil. & James	John 15	3	48	28		♀ sets 8 1	3 5	7	6	53	11	43
Tuesday	2 Athanasius	" 16: 17:	4	20	13		♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	3 5	6	6	54	12	34
Wednesday	3 Monica	" 18	☽ rise		28		3d. ♄ sets 11 30	3 5	5	6	55	1	26
Thursday	4 Florian	" 19	8	40	13		♂ ☿ ♄. ♂ ☿ Neptune ☊	3 5	4	6	56	2	15
Friday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 20	9	45	28		♄ in Aphelion ♂ ♀ ♃ ♅	3 5	3	6	57	2	56
Saturday	6 John of Damasc.	" 21	10	42	13		♂ ♄ ☉. ♂ Neptune ☉	4 5	2	6	58	3	40
19]	*4th Sunday after Easter,*	John 16: 5–15; Jas. 1: 16–21.					*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 58 *min.*						
Sunday	7 Otto the Great	Heb. 1: 2:	11	30	28		☿ in Perihelion	4 5	1	6	59	4	29
Monday	8 Stanislaus	" 3: 4:	morn.		10		♃ sets 7 44	4 5	0	7	0	5	11
Tuesday	9 Greg. Nazianzen	" 5: 6:	12	4	23		Sirius sets 8 35	4 4	5	9	7	1	5	56
Wednesday	10 John Heuglin	" 7	12	40	6		10th. ♀ sets 8 20	4 4	5	8	7	2	6	40
Thursday	11 John Arndt	" 8	1	10	19		♂ Neptune ♄	4 4	5	7	7	3	7	41
Friday	12 Meletius	" 9	1	41	1		☽ in per. Altair ris. 9 59	4 4	5	6	7	4	8	39
Saturday	13 Servatius	" 10	2	11	13		Altair south 10 48	4 4	5	5	7	5	9	29
20]	*5th Sunday after Easter.*	John 16: 23–33; Jas. 1: 22–27.					*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 12 *min.*						
Sunday	14 Pachomius	Heb. 11	2	41	25		♄ sets 11 15	4 4	5	4	7	6	10	28
Monday	15 Moses	" 12	3	14	7		Spica South 9 48	4 4	5	3	7	3	11	28
Tuesday	16 Five Mart. at L.	" 13	3	47	19		♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 3 58	4 4	5	2	7	8	12	27
Wednesday	17 Joachim of Flor.	John 14	☽ sets		1		17. ♂ ☽ ♃. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	4 4	5	2	7	8	1	26
Thursday	18 *Ascension Day*	Col. 2	8	36	13		☽ ♂ ☿ ♀ ♈	4 4	5	1	7	9	2	10
Friday	19 Alcuin	John 15	9	24	25		♀ sets 8 39	4 4	5	0	7	10	2	54
Saturday	20 Val. Herberger	" 16	10	6	7		Antares rises 8 8	4 4	4	9	7	11	3	44
21]	*6th Sunday after Easter.*	John 15: 26—16: 1; 1 Pet. 4: 8–11.					*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 24 *min.*						
Sunday	21 Constantine	1 John 1	10	45	19		☉ enters ♊	4 4	4	8	7	12	4	32
Monday	22 Castus & Aemil	" 2	11	19	1		♓ stationary. ♂ ☽ ♄	4 4	4	7	7	13	5	19
Tuesday	23 Jerome Savonar	" 3	11	49	13		♄ sets 11 0	4 4	4	6	7	14	6	8
Wednesday	24 Augustine Cazal.	" 4	morn.		26		24th. Orion sets 8 7	3 4	4	5	7	15	6	49
Thursday	25 Augustine	" 5	12	10	9		☽ in apo.	3 4	4	5	7	15	7	31
Friday	26 Beda Venerabilis	Joel 3	12	43	23		Spica South 9 4	3 4	4	4	7	16	8	29
Saturday	27 John Calvin	John 17	1	15	7		♄ rises 3 30	3 4	4	3	7	17	9	27
22]	*Whitsunday or Pentecost.*	John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11.					*Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 34 *min.*						
Sunday	28 *Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3, 4: 1–7	1	40	22		♀ sets 8 52	3 4	4	3	7	17	10	25
Monday	29 *Whit Monday*	" 5	2	10	6		Arctur south 9 42	3 4	4	2	7	18	11	20
Tuesday	30 Jerome of Prag.	Rom. 12	2	45	22		♀ in Aphelion. ♂ ♃ ☉	3 4	4	1	7	19	12	6
Wednesday	31 *Ember day*	1 Cor. 13	3	16	7		Antares south 11 47	3 4	4	1	7	19	12	46

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 3d, 3 o'clock, 29 min. morning.
Last Quarter, 10th, 7 " 33 " morning.
New Moon, 17th, 2 " 31 " morning.
First Quarter, 24th, 7 " 40 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, 9, clear 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, warm; 15, 16, thunder; 17, 18 fair; 19, 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, pleasant, warm; 24, 25 thunder showers; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, variable 31, clear.

(♄.) is in conjunction with the Sun, the 6th of this month, and cannot be seen.

(♃.) is in conjunction with the Sun the 30th of this month, and cannot be seen.

How glad he is that his first water-wheel works well! He may become a skillful mechanic some day.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ARMY.

The following are the statistics prepared for the Sunday School Centennial at London.

COUNTRIES.	TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.	TOTAL.
England and Wales	422,250	3,800,000	4,222,250
Scotland	47,972	494,533	542,505
Ireland	32,548	384,627	417,175
Canada	41,712	340,170	381,882
Australia	3,970	37,915	41,885
New Zealand	1,191	9,947	11,048
Total under English Government	549,553	5,067,192	5,616,745
Other European Countries	26,000	40,000	420,000
India, China and Africa	2,000	100,000	102,000
South America	3,000	150,000	153,000
Total outside of United States	574,553	5,717,192	6,291,745
United States	886,328	6,623,124	7,509,452
World	1,460,881	12,340,316	13,801,197

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK.

OUR MISSIONARY.

Rev. Ambrose D. Gring and his wife, reached Japan in June, 1879. After living a year in Yokohama, they removed to Tokio, the Capital of the Japanese Empire. The Mission house in which they now live is owned by our Board, and is paid for. Rev. Gring has become well acquainted with the Japanese language, and is a member of the Committee to translate the Scriptures into the native tongue.

WHAT OUR BOARD HAS RECEIVED.

From May, 1875, to May, 1878, $396.00.
" 1878, to " 1879, $517.00.
" 1879, to " 1880, $867.00.
" 1880, to " 1881, $7,000.00.

Besides these alms from congregations, the Board received legacies amounting to $1,650; and from the sale of about 9,000 Missionary Certificates, $1,700.

THE NEW BOARD.

The new Board of Foreign Missions, elected by the General Synod at Tiffin, Ohio, in May, 1881, is organized as follows:

President.—Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., 1140 Mt. Vernon Street, Phila.

Vice-President.—Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.

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OUR INDIAN MISSION.

A very promising work among the Winnebago Indians in Wisconsin, was begun two years ago, by our ministers in that State. Their missionary is Rev. Jacob Hauser, who lives in his own house in the midst of the tribe. Last year our Board of Foreign Missions gave $400 to this work. Christians should be interested in the fact that the conversion of an Indian costs just one-tenth of the sum the government has usually spent in killing him.

JUNE, *6th Month, 30 Days.* 1882

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m
Thursday	1 J. Fred Oberlin	Rom. 6: 19–7	☽ rise	♈ 22	1st. ☿ gr. elon. East. ♌ ♏	3 4	4 07	20 1	1
Friday	2 Pothinus	" 8	8 35	♉ 7	☿ sets 8 5 ♒	2 4	4 07	20 1	5
Saturday	3 Chlotilde	2 Cor. 5	9 20	♉ 21	♀ sets 9 2	2 4	3 97	21 2	4

23] *Trinity Sunday.* John 3; 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min*

Sunday	4 Quirinus	Acts 1: 2:	10 6	♉ 5	♄ sets 10 41	2 4	3 97	21 3	3
Monday	5 Boniface	" 3	10 48	♉ 19	□ ☌ ☉ ♄ rises 2 58	2 4	3 87	22 4	1
Tuesday	6 Norbert	" 4	11 18	♊ 2	Antares south	2 4	3 87	22 4	5
Wednesday	7 Paul Gerhart	" 5	11 50	♊ 15	☽ in Per.	2 4	3 77	23 5	4
Thursday	8 A. H. Francke	" 6	morn.	♊ 28	8th. Regulus sets 1 38	1 4	3 77	23 6	3
Friday	9 Columba	" 7	12 16	♋ 10	Arctur south	1 4	3 77	23 7	2
Saturday	10 Fred. Barbarossa	" 8	12 46	♋ 22	☿ in ♍ Spica south 8 4	1 4	3 67	24 8	2

24] *1st Sunday after Trintiy.* Luke 16: 19–21: 1 John 4: 7–21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min*

Sunday	11 Barnabas	Acts 9	1 27	♋ 4	♀ sets 9 10	1 4	3 67	24 9	2
Monday	12 Renata	" 10	1 51	♋ 16	♄ sets 10 20	1 4	3 67	24 10	2
Tuesday	13 Isaac Le Febre	" 11	2 28	♋ 27	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 2 26	Sun 1 4	3 67	24 11	2
Wednesday	14 Basil	" 12	3 10	♌ 9	☌ ☽ ♃. ☿ stationary ♍	s r w 1 4	3 57	25 12	1
Thursday	15 W. Wilberforce	1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 7	☽ sets	♌ 21	15th. ♃ rises 3 16	1 4	3 57	25 1	1
Friday	16 Richard Baxter	1 Pet. 3: 18; 4: 16	8 20	♌ 3	☌ ☽ ☿ Wega south 12 50 ♓	1 4	3 57	25 1	5
Saturday	17 John Tauler	1 Pet. 4: 17; 5:	8 57	♌ 16	7* rises 2 31	1 4	3 57	25 2	4

25] *2d Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–24. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 mi*

Sunday	18 Pamphilus	2 Pet. 1: 1–11	9 34	♌ 28	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 9 21	1 4	3 57	25 3	2
Monday	19 Council at Nice	2 Pet. 1: 12; 2: 3	10 6	♍ 11	♄ sets 9 56	1 4	3 57	25 4	
Tuesday	20 27 Martyrs	James 2	10 31	♍ 23	☌ ☽ ♄. ☿ in Aph.	1 4	3 57	25 4	5
Wednesday	21 Matt. Claudius	" 3	11 10	♎ 6	☽ in Apo. ☉ enters ♋ Longest Day.	1 4	3 47	26 5	4
Thursday	22 Gottschalk	" 4	11 38	♎ 19	Summer commences	2 4	3 57	25 6	3
Friday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 5	11 59	♏ 3	23d. ♄ rises 1 56	2 4	3 57	25 7	1
Saturday	24 John Baptist	Jude	morn.	♏ 17	♃ rises 2 43	2 4	3 57	25 8	

26] *3d Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Pet. 5: 6–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 mi*

Sunday	25 Augsburg Conf.	Acts 13: 1–12	12 25	♏ 1	♀ sets 9 19	2 4	3 57	25 8	5
Monday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	" 13: 13–52	1 5	♏ 15	♄ sets 9 38	2 4	3 57	25 9	4
Tuesday	27 Seven Sleepers	" 14	1 47	♐ 0	♌ Altair south 1 19	3 4	3 57	25 10	3
Wednesday	28 Irenæus	" 15	2 29	♐ 15	☌ ☿ ☉. Inferior	3 4	3 57	25 11	3
Thursday	29 Peter and Paul	" 16	3 10	♑ 0	Andromeda rises 9 40 ♒	3 4	3 67	24 12	2
Friday	30 Raymond Lully	" 17: 1–14	3 51	♐ 15	♄ rises 1 28	3 4	3 67	24 12	5

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	1st,	3	o'clock,	32	min.,	afternoon.
Last Quarter,	8th,	12	"	8	"	"
New Moon,	15th,	1	"	33	"	"
First Quarter,	23d,	1	"	0	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, cloudy; 7, 8, 9, warm; 1
11, showers; 12, 13, 14, wind; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, clea
20, 21, warm; 22, 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 2
thunder showers; 29, 30, clear.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

What a pity, that this day is so little kept by the American people!

We are much divided in our religious beliefs, but we worship the same God, and should with one heart and voice give thanks for His goodness to us as a nation. When our President appoints a day of thanksgiving, all our people should gladly keep the day.

And yet it is a sad fact that large towns and districts of country around, cannot fill even one church for a thanksgiving service.

Will not God hold people accountable for this neglect and dishonor?

MAKE THE CHURCH YOUR HEIR.

Oh, ye rich, why give all to your children? In many cases they are already well fixed, and need no more. Why, then, not make the Church your heir, or at least an equal heir with your children?

Give the Lord His portion. Much better, too, if possible, do this before your death, not by will, but by direct gift, and so enjoy the luxury of seeing your gift already at work before you die.

OUR HOME MISSIONARY FIELD.

Do you know how large it is? Look at your map, with this item in your hand: "Stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to Alaska, there is a vast region including the familiar names of Texas, Indian Territory, Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Nebraska, Dakotah, California, Oregon, and Washington Territory, comprising an area of 1,800,000 square miles; besides Alaska, itself nearly half as large as this whole region, and having a population of 30,000.

This is the great Home Mission field of our churches, the future seat of mighty populations, and fraught with momentous issues for the future of this land. No foreign mission field can possibly outweigh the vast importance of this region; and we should see the necessity of supplying its pioneer communities with schools and churches, and building its institutions and populations on a Christian foundation."

Who live in this great mission field? Besides an immense pioneer population, there are 50,000 Mexicans, ignorant and degraded; 150,000 Mormons, obstinate haters of Christianity; and 200,000 Indians, who have quite too long been neglected by the Christian Church.

LICKING THE SORES.

Some people are always talking about the bad things of which members of the Church are guilty, So a certain blacksmith used to do.

One day a deacon went into the shop, and soon the blacksmith began to tell about what "professing Christians" had done.

"Have you ever read the story about the rich man and Lazarus?"

"Certainly," said the blacksmith.

"And you remember about the dogs, how they came and licked the sores of Lazarus?"

"Certainly, but what of it?"

"You remind me of those dogs. You are always licking the sores of Christians."

☞ The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the (Dutch) Reformed Church of America, received during 1880, almost $9,000.

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl.	Sun rises. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 H. Voes	Acts 17: 15; 18: 11	☽ rise	♋ 0	☉ 1st. ♃ rises 2 24 ☋	3	4	36	7 24 1 25
27] *4th Sunday after Trinity.*		Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.*				
Sunday	2 Visit V. M.	1 Thess. 1	8 39	♋ 14	♀ sets 9 18	4	4	37	7 23 2 12
Monday	3 Otto, Bishop	" 2: 1–16	9 16	♋ 28	☽ in Per. ☉ in Apogee	4	4	37	7 23 3 6
Tuesday	4 *Independence*	" 2: 17; 3:	9 49	♌ 11	7* rises 1 24	4	4	37	7 23 4 49
Wednesday	5 Lord Cobham	" 4	10 21	♌ 24	Spica south 8 26	4	4	38	7 22 5 31
Thursday	6 John Huss	" 5	10 50	♍ 7	Antares sets 11 42	4	4	38	7 22 6 11
Friday	7 Willibald	2 " 1; 2: 1–12	11 23	♍ 19	☾ 7th. ♄ sets 9 22	4	4	38	7 22 6 57
Saturday	8 Kilian	" 2: 13; 3:	11 56	♎ 1	♄ rises 12 50	5	4	39	7 21 7 40
28] *5th Sunday after Trinity.*		Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Pet. 3: 8–15.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.*				
Sunday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	Gal. 1: 1–10	morn.	♎ 13	☿ stationary.	5	4	39	7 21 8 29
Monday	10 Wm. of Orange	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	12 31	♎ 24	♂ ☽ ♄. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	5	4	40	7 20 9 11
Tuesday	11 Placedus	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	1 11	♏ 6	☊. ♀ sets 9 9	5	4	40	7 20 9 52
Wednesday	12 Henry II.	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	1 57	♏ 18	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 2 2	5	4	41	7 19 10 40
Thursday	13 Eugenius	" 3: 15	2 45	♐ 0	♂ ☾ ☿. Dog Days Begin. ♌	5	4	41	7 19 11 37
Friday	14 Bonaventura	" 4	3 36	♐ 12	Arctur sets 1 46	5	4	42	7 18 12 33
Saturday	15 Answer	" 5; 6:	☽ sets	♐ 25	☾ 15th. ♄ rises 12 30	6	4	43	7 17 1 30
29] *6th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 34 min.*				
Sunday	16 Anna Askow	1 Cor. 1	8 0	♑ 7	Regulus sets 9 1	6	4	43	7 17 2 16
Monday	17 Separatus&11 co.	" 2	8 30	♑ 20	Wega south 10 47	6	4	44	7 16 2 55
Tuesday	18 Arnulf	" 3; 4: 1-4	9 5	♒ 3	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 9 0	6	4	45	7 15 3 42
Wednesday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 4: 5; 5: 1-8	9 38	♒ 16	☽ in apo. ♂ ☽ ♄ ♄ sets 9 6	6	4	45	7 15 4 22
Thursday	20 John Martheil	" 5: 9; 6:	10 8	♓ 0	☿ gr. Elong. West	6	4	46	7 14 5 10
Friday	21 Eberhard	" 7	10 38	♓ 13	☿ rises 4 2	6	4	47	7 13 5 51
Saturday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 8; 9:	11 22	♓ 27	♃ rises 1 40	6	4	48	7 12 6 40
30] *7th Sunday after Trinity.*		Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 19–23.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 22 min.*				
Sunday	23 God'r v. Hamelle	1 Cor. 10; 11: 1	11 59	♈ 11	☾ 23d. ☉ ent. ♌	6	4	49	7 11 7 24
Monday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 11: 2	morn.	♈ 26	♄ rises 12 1	6	4	50	7 10 8 12
Tuesday	25 St. James	" 12: 1-30	12 48	♉ 11	☊. 7* rises 11 56	6	4	51	7 9 8 53
Wednesday	26 Christopher	" 12: 31; 13	1 40	♉ 25	Arctur sets 12 53 ☋	6	4	51	7 9 9 41
Thursday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 14	2 31	♊ 9	♂ ♓ ♄. ♀ sets 8 55	6	4	52	7 8 10 36
Friday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 15: 1-34	3 20	♊ 23	♄ sets 8 46	6	4	53	7 7 11 31
Saturday	29 Olaus	" 15: 35; 16:	3 59	♋ 8	Orion rises 2 48	6	4	54	7 6 12 28
31] *8th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 7: 15–21; Rom. 8: 12–17.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	30 John Wessel	Acts 19: 11; 20: 1	☽ rise	♋ 22	☾ 30th. ♂ ♀ ♓	6	4	55	7 5 1 24
Monday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	2 Cor. 1: 1–22	7 45	♋ 9	☽ in per. ♃ rise 1 13	6	4	56	7 4 2 8

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	1st,	1 o'clock,	7 min.,	morning.
Last Quarter,	7th,	4 "	50 "	afternoon.
New Moon,	15th,	2 "	0 "	morning.
First Quarter,	23d,	5 "	16 "	morning.
Full Moon,	30th,	9 "	0 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, warmest days; 11, 12, warm; 13, 14, 15, showers; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, sultry; 23, 24, 25, rain; 26, 27, warm; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, rain.

Few wells like this can now be found, but they were very nice in their day. Of them Woodworth speaks:

"The old oaken bucket, the iron-bound bucket,
The moss-covered bucket which hung in the well."

A GOOD PLAN.

Every Sunday or Monday make a note of the sermon. Set down the subject and the leading points. Try to recall the facts and illustrations in their proper order. Do this for five years, and you will find it a great help to you. It will cultivate the habit of careful listening. Every sermon will be more interesting. You will learn much Christian truth, and become much more familiar with the Bible.

☞ Nothing can be more painful to the feelings of a minister when he comes to water his flock, than to find that many of them are not at the well.—*Wm. Jay.*

A GREAT MISTAKE.

Parents often allow their children to stay away from catechization while they are ten to fourteen years old. Indeed, many parents think it useless to send them until they are fourteen to eighteen years old.

All this is wrong. At eighteen, few want to attend; and when there, they find the Catechism a hard book, much harder to them than at twelve.

Besides, they now are too much engaged with work and business and pleasure. They think they have not time to attend; or at least the course must be very short, and they are then poorly prepared for full membership.

The object of catechization is to prepare them not simply for confirmation, but also for usefulness in the Church. Therefore they should be well instructed; and this requires much time.

Send your children early and send them long.

INSISTING ON HIS DUES.

The minister was to be paid quarterly. So the Consistory had promised in their call. In three months the treasurer said: "Here is a little money, the rest will soon be paid."

"No sir," said the minister, "I will not take it. All is due, and I do not owe you another sermon until you fulfill your part of the agreement."

Many persons in their loose notions and bad habits in Church business, would call that act by a hard name; but the minister was right, and his people knew it, and he was paid in full, and spent many years in that charge. He died there only a year ago.

☞ Do Missions pay? Let us see. Was it worth while for Schlatter to come to America, and others with him? Have the Missions in Ohio and Illinois paid—those planted there thirty to sixty years ago? Have Missions in Philadelphia, Reading and Pittsburg paid?

☞ He thought he was called to preach, and he tried it. His text was, "I am the light of the world." It was wretched preaching. An old mother in Israel said: "I think your light needs snuffing."

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h.	Sun rises. m.	Sun sets. h.	Sun sets. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	HIGH WATER. Phila. m.
Tuesday	1	Maccabees	2 Cor. 1: 23; 2:	8	7	♍	19	☿ sets 8 46 ☋		6	4	5	7	3	2	58
Wednesday	2	Mar. under Nero	" 3; 4: 1–6	8	48	♎	2	♂ ☿ ♄. ♄ sets 8 32		6	4	5	8	7	2	44
Thursday	3	Wm. Thorp	" 4: 7; 5: 10	9	20	♎	14	☿ in Perihelion		6	4	5	9	7	1	32
Friday	4	Leonard Käser	" 5: 11; 6; 7: 1	9	54	♎	26	Spica sets 9 46		6	5	0	7	0	5	16
Saturday	5	Salzb'g Evang.	" 7: 2	10	30	♏	9	5th. 7* rises 11 12		6	5	1	6	59	6	6
32]		*9th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 16: 1–19; 1 Cor. 10: 1–13.					*Day's Length*, 13 *hours*, 56 *min.*								
Sunday	6	Transfiguration	2 Cor. 8	11	21	♏	21	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 11 20		5	5	5	6	5	8	50
Monday	7	Nonna	" 9	morn.		♐	2	♉. Sirius rises 4 28		5	5	5	3	5	7	42
Tuesday	8	Hormisdas	" 10	12	19	♐	14	♀ sets 8 38		5	5	4	6	5	6	32
Wednesday	9	Numidicus	" 11	1	18	♐	26	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 1 2		5	5	5	6	5	5	26
Thursday	10	Laurentius	" 12: 1–18	2	16	♑	8	♄ sets 8 16 ♌		5	5	6	6	5	4	10 24
Friday	11	Greg. of Utrecht	" 12: 19; 13:	3	14	♑	20	□ Neptune ☉		5	5	7	6	5	3	11 22
Saturday	12	An. of Havelb'g	Acts 20: 1–13	4	12	♒	3	Orion rises 1 50		4	5	8	6	5	2	12 18
33]		*10th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 19: 41–47; 1 Cor. 12: 1–11.					*Day's Length*, 13 *hours*, 42 *min.*								
Sunday	13	C'nt. Zinzendorf	Rom. 1: 1–17	☽ sets		♒	16	13th. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.		4	5	9	6	5	1	16
Monday	14	James Guthrie	" 1: 18–31	7	2	♒	29	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior		4	5	10	6	5	0	2 8
Tuesday	15	Ass'n V. Mary	" 2	7	31	♓	13	♄ rises 10 51		4	5	12	6	4	8	2 52
Wednesday	16	John of Saxony	" 3	8	0	♓	27	☽ in apo. ♄ sets 8 0		4	5	13	6	4	7	3 40
Thursday	17	John Gerhard	" 4	8	35	♈	10	☽ ♂ ♄ ♀. ♀ sets 8 29		3	5	14	6	4	6	4 24
Friday	18	Hugo Grotius	" 5: 1–11	9	1	♈	24	□ ♄ ☉. ♃ rises 12 35		3	5	15	6	4	5	5 12
Saturday	19	Sebaldus	" 5: 12–21	9	40	♉	8	Arctur sets 11 27		3	5	17	6	4	3	6 14
34]		*11th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11.					*Day's Length*, 13 *hours*, 24 *min.*								
Sunday	20	Bernard of Clair.	Rom. 6	10	22	♊	22	Sirius rises 3 38		3	5	18	6	4	2	7 16
Monday	21	1st Morv. Mission	" 7	11	14	♋	4	21st. ☊. Spica sets 8 40		2	5	19	6	4	1	8 14
Tuesday	22	Symphorianus	" 8: 1–15	morn.		♋	19	Neptune stationary		2	5	20	6	4	0	9 10
Wednesday	23	Gasp. de Cologne	" 8: 16–39	12	15	♌	4	☉ enters ♏ ☋		2	5	21	6	3	9	9 52
Thursday	24	Bartholomew	" 9: 1–13	1	20	♌	19	♀ sets 8 15		2	5	22	6	3	8	10 40
Friday	25	Louis IX.	" 9: 14–33	2	34	♍	3	♄ sets 7 41		2	5	24	6	3	6	11 20
Saturday	26	Ulfilas	" 10	3	28	♍	17	♄ rises 10 16		1	5	25	6	3	5	11 59
35]		*12th Sunday after Trinity.*	Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11.					*Day's Length*, 13 *hours*, 8 *min.*								
Sunday	27	Jovinian	Rom. 11	4	1	♍	0	Dog Days End		1	5	26	6	3	4	12 39
Monday	28	Aug. of Heppo	" 12	☽ rise		♎	14	28th. ♂ ☿ ♓.		1	5	27	6	3	3	1 15
Tuesday	29	St. John Baptist	" 13	6	46	♎	27	☽ in per. ♃ rises 12 0		1	5	28	6	3	2	1 55
Wednesday	30	Claud. of Turin	" 14	7	18	♏	10	Antares sets 10 8		0	5	29	6	3	1	2 43
Thursday	31	Aidan	" 15: 1–13	7	57	♏	22	Altair south 9 5		0	5	31	6	2	9	3 31

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	5th,	11	o'clock,	12	min., evening.
New Moon,	13th,	4	"	9	" afternoon.
First Quarter,	21st,	7	"	53	" evening.
Full Moon,	28th,	4	"	17	" afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, showers; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, warm; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, wind; 16, 17, thunder showers; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, sultry; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, 26, rain; 27, 28, clear; 29, variable; 30, 31, thunder showers.

AN EVIL.

One of the curses of our finances is the "penny" collection, which comes so often and yet brings in so little. A collection at every service is right and good, but it must not be made up of pennies. In that case when money is needed, you must after all have a special subscription or collection.

The evil in our custom is, that people think they are always giving, and they cannot understand why they must then yet have so many extra calls. Indeed, as a rule, but little is expected, because it is a "penny" collection. Is this a wise way to do the Lord's business?

Why not regularly on the Lord's Day pay such sums as will meet all the expenses of the congregation, that there be no other gatherings? This is the Apostolic plan (1 Cor. 16: 1, 2), and a very different thing from the "penny" collection.

☞ A very bad practice in some places is putting funerals on Sunday, *at the hour of service in another congregation*, and requiring the minister to set aside his regular appointment, and so to disappoint a whole neighborhood, all to gratify the whim and unreasonable wish of a few. Some ministers have courage enough to refuse this, and some do as the people tell them.

THE PROGRESS OF CHRISTIANITY.

The following statement shows the probable number of Christians at the end of each century:

First century, about 500,000; second, 2,000,000; third, 5,000,000; fourth, 10,000,000; fifth, 15,000,000; sixth, 20,000,000; seventh, 24,000,000; eighth, 30,000,000; ninth, 40,000,000; tenth, 50,000,000; eleventh, 70,000,000; twelfth, 80,000,000; thirteenth, 75,000,000; fourteenth, 80,000,000; fifteenth, 100,000,000; sixteenth, 125,000,000; seventeenth, 155,000,000; eighteenth, 200,000,000.

During the present century it is estimated the church has doubled its communicants.

☞ Listening and hearing are not the same. All in God's house hear the Word, but not all listen. Listening is bending the soul toward the truth, reaching for it, meeting it half-way, feeling anxious for it and interested in it. Those who listen, receive the Word with all readiness of mind (Acts 17: 11).

USE IT.

Why is the Lord's Prayer so little used in our congregations? It seems all right in the Sunday-school; but why is the congregation silent? Our blessed Saviour did not give it to children, nor for children, but to and for His disciples, old as well as young, and also for public use, as its plural form shows.

☞ Invest your money in worldly stocks, and it will bring you interest till you close your eyes in death—*perhaps;* but invest it in the Lord's work, and it will bless you forever.

ENCOURAGING.

Compare the amount of money now received and paid by our Church every year for her Missionary and Educational work, with the amount received and paid out ten, twenty, thirty years ago, and you will be pleased with our progress.

☞ Nellie, who had to keep very quiet on Sunday, said to a playmate: "I wish I were a preacher." "Why!" "So I could hollo on Sunday."

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 Hanna	Rom. 15: 14–33	8 29	♋ 4	☿ sets 8 4 ☋	0 5	32	6 28	4 16
Saturday	2 Mamas	" 16	9 5	♋ 16	☽ 7* rises 9 28	0 5	33	6 27	5 5

36] 13*th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 10: 23–37; Gal. 3: 16–22. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	3 Hildegarde	Acts 20	9 48	♋ 28	☾ ♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 9 30	1 5	35	6 25	5 40
Monday	4 Ida	" 21	10 34	♌ 10	4th. ♉ ♁ sets 7 18	1 5	36	6 24	6 34
Tuesday	5 John Mollio	" 22; 23:	11 32	♌ 22	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 11 30	1 5	37	6 23	7 16
Wednesday	6 Matthias Weibel	" 24; 25:	morn.	♍ 4	Sirius rises 2 38 ♈	2 5	39	6 21	8 8
Thursday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 26	12 10	♍ 16	Orion rises 12 20	2 5	40	6 20	8 48
Friday	8 Corbinian	" 27	1 9	♍ 28	♄ stationary	2 5	41	6 19	9 34
Saturday	9 Lorigi Paschall	" 28	2 7	♎ 11	☿ sets 8 0	3 5	42	6 18	10 32

37] 14*th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 32 *min.*

Sunday	10 Paul Separatus	Eph. 1: 1–14	3 6	♎ 24	Rigel rises 11 27	3 5	44	6 16	11 28
Monday	11 John Brenz	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	4 4	♏ 9	♂ ☌ ☉. ♄ rises 9 0	3 5	45	6 15	12 25
Tuesday	12 Dionys' Peloq'n	" 2: 11; 3:	☽ sets	♏ 22	12th. ☽ in apo.	4 5	46	6 14	1 22
Wednesday	13 Wm. Farel	" 4: 1–17	6 26	♐ 6	♃ rises 11 2	4 5	48	6 12	2 11
Thursday	14 Cyprian	" 4: 18	6 56	♐ 20	☽ ♂ ☿ ♁. ♁ sets 6 54	4 5	49	6 11	3 2
Friday	15 Ar. V. Grumb'h	" 5; 6: 1-9	7 22	♑ 5	♁ sets 7 48	5 5	50	6 10	3 42
Saturday	16 Euphemia	" 6: 10	7 59	♑ 19	♂ ☽ ☿. ☿ in Aphelion	5 5	52	6 8	4 31

38] 15*th Sunday after Trinity.* Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. *Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 14 *min.*

Sunday	17 Lambert	Col. 1	8 40	♒ 4	Sirius rises 1 58	5 5	53	6 7	5 15
Monday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	" 2; 3: 1–4	9 24	♒ 18	☊. 7* rises 8 32	6 5	54	6 6	6 5
Tuesday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 3: 5; 4:	10 21	♓ 2	☿ in Aphelion ☋	6 5	56	6 4	6 45
Wednesday	20 *Emberday*	Philemon	11 24	♓ 16	20th. ♄ rises 8 29	7 5	57	6 3	7 23
Thursday	21 Matthew	Philip 1: 1–26	morn.	♈ 0	☾ ☿ ♁. ♃ rises 10 40	7 5	59	6 1	8 20
Friday	22 Mauritius	" 1: 27; 2:	12 27	♈ 13	☉ enters ♎. Day and Night equal.	7 6	0	6 0	9 10
Saturday	23 5 Mar. of Gen'a	" 3; 4:	1 38	♈ 26	□ ♃ ☉. Autumn commences	8 6	1	5 59	10 6

39] 16*th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 54 *min.*

Sunday	24 John J. Moser	1 Tim. 1	2 46	♉ 9	☿ sets 7 40	8 6	3	5 57	10 47
Monday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 2	3 46	♉ 22	♁ sets 6 30	8 6	4	5 56	11 43
Tuesday	26 Lioba	" 3: 1–13	4 50	♊ 5	☽ in per. ☿ gr. Elong. East	9 6	5	5 55	12 40
Wednesday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 3: 14; 4: 10	☽ rise	♊ 18	27th. ☿ sets 6 42	9 6	6	5 54	1 38
Thursday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 4: 11; 5: 16	6 25	♋ 1	☿ gr. Elon. East	9 6	7	5 53	2 26
Friday	29 St. Michael	" 5: 17	7 3	♋ 13	♃ rises 10 12	10 6	8	5 52	3 12
Saturday	30 Jerome	" 6	7 46	♋ 25	♁ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 7 44	10 6	10	5 50	3 49

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	4th,	8	o'clock,	25	min., morning.
New Moon,	12th,	7	"	56	" morning.
First Quarter,	20th,	8	"	25	" morning.
Full Moon,	27th,	12	"	8	" morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, warm, sultry; 7, 8, thunder showers; 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, cloudy, rainy; 16, 17, 18, 19, fair, clear; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, clear, fair.

Log house, chimney outside, large fire-place within, a little clear land around full of stumps, with heavy timber on every side—this could be seen all over the East a hundred years ago, and in our Western States thirty to fifty years ago, and can be seen even now in the far West.

NOT BY THE YEAR.

"We will keep him another year," said an elder to a member about their pastor.

What an idea! Our ministers are not "hired," as people call it; nor are they over a charge by the year. Their installation is not even for a term of years, but is a marriage-relation, and ought to last through many years.

☞ The five constitutional questions which the delegate Elder to Classis must answer, should all be asked and answered at the Joint Consistory meeting, so that the Elder may answer them at Classis intelligently and with confidence.

EARLY OPPOSITION TO MISSIONS.

This may have a strange sound, but there was a time when the Protestant Church was opposed to Foreign Missions.

Carey, the "consecrated cobbler" of England, who became the father of missions in the East Indies, at first met with stinging rebukes and bitter opposition. At a meeting of Baptist ministers he once proposed the subject of missions for discussion. One of the old fathers said: "*Young man, sit down. When God wants the heathen converted, He will do it without your a d or mine.*" After several years of patient perseverance, Carey had his reward. The Baptist Missionary Society of England was organized, and he was sent to India.

In 1825, when seven students in the Divinity College of St. Andrews', Glasgow, Scotland, organized a Missionary Society, they could not get a room in which to hold their meetings.

When a young man resolved to go to the Foreign field, he would get some friend to break the news to his friends, as if a great calamity or disgrace had befallen them.

Eighty years ago the Scotch General Assembly declared the Foreign Mission movement fanatical, absurd, revolutionary, dangerous to good order, and requiring prompt suppression.

The same bitter opposition to Foreign Missions was met also in America.

In 1808 seven young men in Williams' College, Massachusetts, full of missionary zeal, had to talk and pray over the subject *in secret.* Four of them, in an earnest but modest appeal, afterwards brought the subject before the General Association of Massachusetts; and out of this (in 1810) grew the great and noble American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Following this, in 1814, came the Baptist Board, but this also in the face of cruel opposition.

(Remarkable is the fact, that both in England, Scotland and America Foreign Missionary work was urged and organized by young men.)

☞ Too many congregations glory in having the highest steeple, the largest organ, the finest window, or the most eloquent preacher; but God looks at things in a different light. What is done through strife and vain-glory, does not please Him.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
40]	*17th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–16.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 38 *min.*				
Sunday	1 Remigius	Titus 1	8 30	6 ♍.	♀ sets 7 34	10	6	11 5 49	4 35
Monday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 2	9 20	18	♄ sets 6 16	11	6	12 5 48	5 18
Tuesday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 3	10 11	0	3d. ☾ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 9 52	11	6	13 5 47	6 8
Wednesday	4 Franciscus	2 Tim. 1	11 5	12	Sirius rises 12 57	11	6	15 5 45	6 48
Thursday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 2	morn.	24	Rigel rises 9 56	12	6	16 5 44	7 34
Friday	6 Henry Albert	" 3	12 0	6	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	12	6	17 5 43	8 21
Saturday	7 Theodore Beza	" 4	12 58	19	Altair south 6 53	12	6	19 5 41	9 11
41]	*18th Sunday after Trinity.*	Matt. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 20 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	Heb. 1	1 54	2	♀ sets 7 30	12	6	20 5 40	9 55
Monday	9 Dionysius Areo	" 2	2 55	16	☽ in apo	13	6	21 5 39	10 42
Tuesday	10 Justus Jonas	" 3; 4:	3 52	0	♄ rises 7 5	13	6	23 5 37	11 39
Wednesday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 5	4 50	14	☿ stationary. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	13	6	24 5 36	12 37
Thursday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 6	☽ sets	28	12th. ♃ rises 9 20	13	6	25 5 35	1 36
Friday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 7	6 4	14	☽ ☌ ☿ ♁. ♁ sets 6 0	14	6	27 5 33	2 24
Saturday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 8	6 38	29	Antares sets 7 28	14	6	28 5 32	3 12
42]	*19th Sunday after Trinity.*	Matt. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 2 *min.*				
Sunday	15 Aurelia	Heb. 9: 1–14	7 20	14	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 7 26	14	6	29 5 31	4 4
Monday	16 Gallus	" 9: 15	8 18	28	♌. Fomal south 9 24	14	6	31 5 29	4 44
Tuesday	17 Rev. Edi. of Nan.	" 10: 1–18	9 16	12	Rigel rises 10 6	15	6	32 5 28	5 30
Wednesday	18 St. Luke, Ev.	" 10: 19	10 20	26	♄ rises 6 42	15	6	33 5 27	6 15
Thursday	19 Bruno	" 11	11 27	10	19th. ♃ stationary	15	6	34 5 26	6 56
Friday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi	" 12	morn.	23	♃ rises 8 56	15	6	35 5 25	7 40
Saturday	21 Hilarion	" 13	12 31	6	7* rises 6 34	15	6	36 5 24	8 22
43]	*20th Sunday after Trinity.*	Matt. 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21.			*Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 44 *min.*				
Sunday	22 Hedwig	Matt. 3	1 40	19	☌ ☿ ☉ Interior	15	6	38 5 22	9 26
Monday	23 Henry Martin	" 4: 1–22	2 50	2	☉ enters ♏	16	6	39 5 21	10 25
Tuesday	24 Arethas	" 4: 23; 5: 1–12	3 58	15	♀ sets 7 14	16	6	41 5 19	11 24
Wednesday	25 John Herz	" 5: 13–32	5 6	27	☽ in per. ☿ in ♌	16	6	42 5 18	12 24
Thursday	26 Frederick III.	" 5: 33–48	☽ ris	9	26th. Sirius ris. s 11 32	16	6	43 5 17	1 23
Friday	27 Frumentius	" 6	5 42	21	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 6 3	16	6	44 5 16	2 13
Saturday	28 Simon and Jude	" 7	6 30	3	Regulus rises 1 5	16	6	45 5 15	3 6
44]	*21st Sunday after Trinity.*	John 4: 46–54; Eph. 6: 10–20.			*Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 28 *min.*				
Sunday	29 Alfred the Great	Matt. 8: 1–17	7 26	15	♍. Fomal south 8 34	16	6	46 5 14	3 47
Monday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 8: 18–34	8 20	26	☌ ☽ ♃. ♁ rises 8 11	16	6	47 5 13	4 30
Tuesday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 9	9 17	8	Altair sets 11 49	16	6	49 5 11	5 10

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	3d,	9	o'clock, 16 min.,	evening.
New Moon,	12th,	1	" 0 "	morning.
First Quarter,	19th,	6	" 53 "	evening.
Full Moon,	26th,	9	" 32 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, cloudy; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, cold; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, pleasant, warm; 28, cloudy; 29, rain; 30, 31, fair.

Save all the nice pictures you get, paste them in a book which is not needed, and you can make a very interesting picture book.

A CHAPTER OF HINTS.

☞ Parents should by all means call the attention of their children to such matters in the Church paper and in Church books, as are of special interest and importance to them at their age,—items of news, bits of advice, healthy sentiments, and so on.

☞ A minister who desires that every family of his charge should be intelligently and heartily in sympathy with the denomination and its work, should do all that he can to have the denominational paper taken by every household.

☞ Many communicants are absent from preparatory service, especially men. This is very bad. Never say you have not time to go. You have all the time there is. You must not allow anything to keep you away.

☞ Church officers must be men of wisdom, said the apostle, *i. e.*, men of business tact, of good sense, of good judgment, wide-awake, truly interested in the Lord's work, and who of course take the Church paper.

☞ Many denominations which years ago opposed or at least greatly undervalued catechization, are now taking great interest in it. For example, Baptists, Methodists, United Brethren, Congregationalists and Evangelicals are trying to introduce catechetical instruction.

☞ The Church is no place for private chat (neither outside nor inside), nor for public entertainments, but for sacred meditation and sincere worship. Be not absent, nor late in going, nor undevout when there, but go and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

☞ In our entire Church, East and West, we have about 141 young men studying for the ministry. These are in many different Schools, Colleges and Seminaries, and stand in all the various stages of advancement.

☞ What can be more interesting and profitable to Christians, than to study the history, the rise, progress, plans and present state of the missionary work of the Christian Church and of their own denomination?

☞ "I cannot afford to buy Church books and get the Church paper." No, of course not, if you buy everything else first; but why will you buy a score of needless things, and pass by the great, rich, needful things of the Church?

☞ An elder looking for a pastor, was asking about a certain man. Finding that this man's congregation had done nothing for missions, the elder stopped short with the remark, "that man will not suit us."

☞ How much at home one feels in a Reformed family, when you see our own Church papers and books on the table! And how lonesome it seems, and how disappointed one feels, when these are lacking!

☞ Dr. Addison Alexander preached his sermon on "The Faithful Saying" until he wore out the MSS.; and Dr. Green repeated his on "The Worth of the Soul," ninety times!

☞ "Life is like a game of chess; everyone holds his rank according to his quality. But when the game is over, kings, queens, knights and all are thrown into one common box."

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 All Saints	Matt. 10	10 6	♐ 20	♀ greatest Brilliancy ♓	166	505	10 5	39
Thursday	2 Victorinus	" 11	11 2	♑ 2	2d. ♀ se's 7 8	166	515	9 6	14
Friday	3 Pirminus	" 12	morn.	♑ 14	7* south 1 8	166	535	7 6	55
Saturday	4 John A. Bengel	" 13	12 10	♑ 27	Sirius rises 10 59	166	545	6 7	36

45] *4th Sunday before Advent.* Matt. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	5 Hans Egede	John 21: 1–23	1 16	♒ 10	Andromeda south 9 18	166	555	5 8	32
Monday	6 Gustav. Adolph's	1 John 1; 2:	2 24	♒ 24	☽ in apo. ♃ rises 7 46	166	565	4 9	26
Tuesday	7 Willibrord	" 3	3 30	♓ 8	☿ gr. Elon. West	166	575	3 10	22
Wednesday	8 Willehad	" 4	4 42	♓ 22	☿ rises 6 8	166	585	2 11	19
Thursday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 5	5 51	♈ 7	♂ ☽ ☿ . ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	166	595	1 12	16
Friday	10 Martin Luther	2 John	☽ sets	♈ 22	10th. ♆ Neptune ☉	167	05	0 1	15
Saturday	11 Martin of Tours	3 John	5 50	♈ 7	♂ ☽ ♄ . ☊	167	14	59 1	50

46] *3d Sunday before Advent.* Matt. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 56 *min.*

Sunday	12 Phil. de Mornay	Rev. 1	6 52	♈ 23	Orion rises 8 27	167	24	58 2	44
Monday	13 Arcadius	" 2	7 56	♉ 8	♂ ☽ ♀ . ♀ sets 7 4 ♋	167	34	57 3	32
Tuesday	14 Pet. Mart. Vern	" 3	9 6	♉ 22	☿ ♄ ☉. ♄ south 12 12	157	44	56 4	21
Wednesday	15 John Kepler	" 4; 5; 6:	10 18	♊ 6	♃ rises 7 1	157	54	55 5	10
Thursday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 7; 8; 9: 1–12	11 28	♊ 20	♀ stationary	157	64	54 5	56
Friday	17 Bernward	" 9: 13; 10; 11:	11 59	♋ 3	Sirius rises 10 6	157	74	53 6	44
Saturday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 12; 13:	morn.	♋ 16	18th. Spica rises 4 17	157	84	52 7	36

47] *2d Sunday before Advent.* Matt. 25: 31–46; 2 Thess. 1: 3–10. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 42 *min.*

Sunday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	Rev. 14: 1–13	12 50	♋ 29	Markab south 7 19	147	94	51 8	31
Monday	20 John Williams	" 14: 14–20	1 54	♌ 22	Regulus rises 11 32	147	104	50 9	26
Tuesday	21 Columbanus	" 15	3 6	♌ 24	Andromeda south 8 15	147	114	49 10	24
Wednesday	22 John Oecolampadius	" 16: 1–8	4 15	♍ 6	☽ in per. ☉ enters ♏	147	124	48 11	20
Thursday	23 Clemens Roman	" 16: 9–21	5 32	♍ 18	♀ sets 6 30	137	134	47 12	17
Friday	24 John Knox	" 17	☽ rise	♎ 0	24th. ♂ ☽ ♄ . ♄ south 11 30	137	144	4 1	14
Saturday	25 Catharine	" 18	5 26	♎ 11	☊. 7* south 11 30	137	144	46 1	52

48] *1st Sunday before Advent.* Matt. 25: 1–13; 2 Peter 3: 3–14. *Day's Length,* 9 *hours,* 30 *min.*

Sunday	26 Conrad	Rev. 19: 1–10	6 20	♎ 23	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 6 24	137	154	45 2	40
Monday	27 Marg't Blaurer	" 19: 11; 20: 1–3	7 14	♏ 5	Altair sets 9 59 ♓	127	164	44 3	32
Tuesday	28 Alex. Roussel	" 20: 4–15	8 9	♏ 17	Orion rises 7 2	127	174	43 4	16
Wednesday	29 Satarinus	" 21: 1–8	9 7	♏ 29	Wega sets 10 56	117	174	43 5	5
Thursday	30 St. Andrew	" 21: 9; 22:	10 2	♐ 11	♀ sets 6 0	117	184	42 5	47

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2d,	1	o'clock,	56	min., afternoon.
New Moon,	10th,	6	"	18	" evening.
First Quarter,	18th,	3	"	40	" morning.
Full Moon,	24th,	9	"	1	" evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, cold; 10, 11, 12, moderate; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, 24, Indian Summer; 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, moderate.

(♄.) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 16th, and shines all night.

Touch a spring and out jumps the puppet. So sometimes a single word lets out a secret, and all wonder at it.

☞ For the *Statistical Summary* and the *Comparative Summary*, in this Almanac, credit is due to Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., of Miamisburg, Ohio.

☞ A "harvest home" service is a congregational thanksgiving for the ingathered harvest; and this thanksgiving must be not only merely in hymns and prayers, but especially in alms. If the alms are not large and sincere as the hymns and prayers, then surely the service is in so far only a formality.

☞ Try to feel a very deep interest in our Foreign Missionary work. Pray for our missionary and his wife, that God may direct them in their work, and comfort them in their loneliness. Read all you can find in books and in the Church paper about Japan, talk to others about the work, and give all you can toward it.

☞ Would not our elders, deacons, ladies, young people and others do much more Church work, if pastors would tell them what it is, where it is, and how to do it? Often they would gladly help us, but they know not how. Tell them and use them.

☞ How wisely God orders the weather, and yet how little thanks He gets for it all! Many people think they could greatly improve it.

☞ Those Church members who stand on their dignity, should be careful lest they fall off their narrow footing.

☞ Very many people have their children baptized, without knowing why. Do you know why it is done?

☞ In many churches a dozen or twenty men and women do all the work, and the rest do the—grumbling.

☞ Old grandmother D—— used to say: A Christian should work as if he were to live here always, and to pray as if he were to die that day.

☞ Never was there a louder call for missionary payers and alms than now—from all parts of our own land, and from heathen lands.

☞ In the last ten years membership in the Christian Churches of America has had an annual increase of less than five per cent. In the same time the membership in heathen lands has annually increased sixteen per cent.

☞ A comprehensive Scotch school-inspector asked an Aberdeen class if anyone could tell him anything remarkable in the life of Moses. *Boys:* "Yes, sir. He was the only man who broke all the commandments at once."

☞ Sometimes people think everything is going wrong; whereas, often the whole trouble lies in their liver.

☞ Moses "wist not that his face shone." The best people are those who have the least to say about their own good.

☞ The best gift you can give a poor family, is the Church paper for a year or more.

☞ Carefully study the Minutes of your Synod. There you have in sum all the work of the Church.

☞ Why are ministers generally so poor? Because they preach so much without notes!

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1882.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday 1	Eligius	Psalm 96	11 0	♑ 23	☾ Sirius rises 9 6 ♓	11	7 19	4 41	6 35
Saturday 2	John Ruysbruck	" 145	morn.	♑ 6	2d. Altair sets 9 35	10	7 19	4 41	7 20
49] *1st Sunday in Advent.*		Matt. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 11–14.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min.*				
Sunday 3	Gerhard Groot	John 1: 1–14	12 2	♑ 19	☽ in apo. ♃ rises 5 58	10	7 20	4 40	8 11
Monday 4	Gerh. v. Zütphen	Gen. 2: 4–25	1 10	♑ 2	♄ south 10 51	10	7 21	4 39	8 55
Tuesday 5	Crispin	Matt. 19: 1–12	2 20	♒ 16	☌ ☿ ♁ . 7* south 10 53	9	7 21	4 39	9 42
Wednesday 6	Nicholas	Eph. 5: 22–33	3 21	♒ 1	☌ ☿ ☉ Inferior. ☿ Transit	9	7 22	4 38	10 30
Thursday 7	Paulus Odontius	1 Cor. 7	4 16	♒ 15	☿ in ♐. Orion rises 6 21	8	7 22	4 38	11 14
Friday 8	Mart. Rinkard	Gen. 3	5 8	♓ 1	Regulus rises 10 14	8	7 23	4 37	11 58
Saturday 9	Benj. Schmolk	" 8: 15; 9: 17	6 0	♓ 16	☌ ☿ ☿ . ☌ ☽ ☿ . ♐	7	7 24	4 36	12 41
50] *2d Sunday in Advent.*		Luke 21: 25–30; Rom. 15: 4–13.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*				
Sunday 10	Paul Eber	Acts 17: 15–34	☽ sets	♓ 1	☽ 10th. ☌ ☽ ☿ ♁ . ☌	7	7 24	4 36	1 21
Monday 11	Hen. v. Zütphen	Gen. 15	5 40	♓ 16	♄ south 10 23 [♁ ☉ . ☋	7	7 24	4 36	2 6
Tuesday 12	Vicelin	Deut. 5	6 50	♈ 1	Markab sets 12 28	6	7 24	4 36	2 49
Wednesday 13	Odilia	Ex. 12	8 4	♈ 15	☿ in Aphelion	6	7 24	4 36	3 37
Thursday 14	Dioscorus	Deut. 27	9 15	♈ 29	Spica rises 2 35	5	7 25	4 35	4 35
Friday 15	Christiana	Rom. 7	10 25	♉ 13	☌ ☿ ♁ . □ ☓ ☉	5	7 25	4 35	5 45
Saturday 16	Adelheid	Levit. 16	11 34	♉ 26	Arietis south 8 24	4	7 25	4 35	6 57
51] *3d Sunday in Advent.*		Matt. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday 17	Sturm	Isa. 40; John 5:	morn.	♉ 9	☽ 17th. ☌ ☿ ☉ Superior	4	7 25	4 35	7 44
Monday 18	Louis v. Seckendorf	1 Peter 1: 3–12	12 36	♉ 21	☽ in per. ☍ ♃ ☉	3	7 25	4 35	8 30
Tuesday 19	Clemens Alexandrinus	2 Sam. 7	1 42	♊ 3	Rigel south 11 21	3	7 25	4 35	9 11
Wednesday 20	*Emberday*	Joel 3	2 45	♊ 15	♄ south 9 45	2	7 25	4 35	9 57
Thursday 21	Thomas	Jer. 23	3 48	♊ 27	☌ ☽ ♄ . ☉ enters ♑. Shortest Day	2	7 26	4 34	10 41
Friday 22	Hugh McKail	" 31	4 47	♋ 8	Winter commences	1	7 25	4 35	11 26
Saturday 23	Anna dü Bourg	Isa. 52: 13; 53:	5 50	♋ 20	☌ ☽ ♃ . ♃ south 11 31	1	7 25	4 35	12 22
52] *4th Sunday in Advent.*		John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday 24	Adam and Eve	Isaiah 11: 1–10	☽ rise	♋ 2	☽ 24th. ♉ ♓ Sun	7	7 25	4 35	1 20
Monday 25	*Christmas*	Heb. 1	5 38	♌ 14	Orion south 11 31 slow	7	7 25	4 35	2 12
Tuesday 26	Stephen	Psalm 2; 110:	6 34	♌ 26	☿ stationary	1	7 25	4 35	3 6
Wednesday 27	St. John Evang.	Isaiah 45	7 20	♍ 8	Arietis south 7 36	1	7 25	4 35	3 48
Thursday 28	Innocents	" 49	8 16	♍ 21	♓ stationary	2	7 25	4 35	4 42
Friday 29	David	Rom. 8	9 12	♎ 3	Sirius rises 8 0	2	7 24	4 36	5 36
Saturday 30	Christ'n of Wurtemberg	1 Cor. 8: 1–6	10 10	♎ 16	♄ south 9 8	3	7 24	4 36	6 24
53] *Sunday after Christmas.*		Matt. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*				
Sunday 31	John Wichf	Psalm 90; 103:	11 9	♎ 29	☽ in apo. ☉ in Perigee	3	7 24	4 36	7 20

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2d,	9 o'clock,	56 min.,	morning.
New Moon,	10th,	10 "	36 "	forenoon.
First Quarter,	17th,	11 "	38 "	forenoon.
Full Moon,	24th,	11 "	40 "	forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cloudy, cold; 4, snow; 5, 6, 7, N. W. cold; 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, cloudy, rainy and snow; 12, 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, 17, cold; 18, 19, fair; 20, cloudy; 21, 22, snow; 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, mild; 30, 31, fair.

(☿.) Venus is in Inferior conjunction with the Sun the 6th of this month, and passes from Evening to Morning Star.

(♁.) Mars is in conjunction with the Sun the 10th, and cannot be seen.

(♃.) Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun the 18th, and shines all night.

What a wonderful tree! On it and under it are just those things which each one wants. The Christ-kindel seems to know our thoughts. Thank God for all the joys of Christmas.

PROGRESS IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This nineteenth century is noted above all others for its missionary activity among the heathen.

The great Missionary Societies of England and America have all been organized within a hundred years:

The Baptist Missionary Society of England, in 1792; The London Missionary Society, a little later; the American Board, in 1810; the Baptist Board, in 1814; the Methodist Board, in 1819; the Episcopal Board, in 1821; the Presbyterian Board, in 1832; *our own Board*, in 1838.

The details of what has been done within the century, and especially during the last thirty years, cannot be given here, but they are simply astonishing.

1. A great beginning has been made at home in winning friends to the work. A wonderful change has come over the Church, both in England and in America. The early opposition to Foreign Missions has all passed away, and an earnest and intelligent interest is now taken in the work.

2. A great beginning has been made in the number of converts among the heathen. Baptisms now are not by ones and twos, but by hundreds and thousands.

3. Valuable experience has been gained by the missionaries, enabling them to work to much better advantage.

4. Great helps are now at hand in the Foreign Field: The Bible is found in 303 languages and dialects; so also in regard to grammars, dictionaries, hymn books and other literature; a strong force of native pastors, teachers and helpers, and thousands of others in course of training, are at hand.

God only knows what the Church may yet reap in the ripe foreign field within the next fifty or one hundred years.

What shall you and I give toward this great work? Intelligent and strong prayers to God for His blessing on the work, and liberal and devout alms, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God.

SINFUL.

What a cruel and ungodly piece of business it is, for a charge that is in debt to make the new minister pay the debt by giving him a smaller salary than they gave the former pastor! This is done in some places. But God will call those people to account for doing His prophets harm.

HARD THINGS IN THE BIBLE.

"How do you do, when in your study of the Bible, you come to hard, deep, irreconcilable mysteries and facts and doctrines?"—asked an infidel of a Christian at his table.

"Just as I do with this fish. I eat the meat, and throw the bones aside. I take what I can use."

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NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
English.			
The Messenger,	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.,	Weekly,	1827
Christian World,	Dayton, Ohio,	"	1848
The Guardian,	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.,	Monthly,	1850
Child's Treasury,	" " " "	Semi-monthly,	1859
Sunshine,	" " " "	Weekly,	1879
Mercersburg Review,	" " " "	Quarterly,	1849
The Instructor,	Dayton, Ohio,	Monthly	1873
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Orphans' Friend,	Butler, Butler Co., Pa.,	Monthly,	1877
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Heidelberg Monthly Journal,	Tiffin, Ohio,	Monthly,	1880
German.			
Kirchenzeitung and Evangelist.	Cleveland, Ohio,	Weekly,	1838
Reformirte Hausfreund,	Reading, Pa.,	Every other week,	1866
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NAME.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Bethany,	Wormelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.,	Rev. D. B. Albright,	68
St. Paul's,	Butler, Butler County, Pa.,	Rev. T. F. Stauffer,	40

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SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	BAPTISMS. Infants.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	ADDITIONS. Confirmed.	ADDITIONS. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congrega'l Purposes.
Synod of U. S.	9	213	433	67,935	38,498	5,290	377	3,740	1209	55,772	712	2	602	2165	526	39,496	51	$27,734.00	231,129.00
Synod of Ohio.....	11	155	296	21,000	9,536	1,030	386	1,216	660	17,562	346	19	387	379	232	19,100	16	6,834.00	101,753.00
Synod of N. W.....	11	160	248	24,054	17,180	2,334	59	1,593	1001	19.118	427	80	205	767	209	13,573	32	12,555.00	88,254.00
Synod of Pittsburg	5	60	120	11,093	8,065	891	89	671	329	9,396	229	...	75	251	99	7,301	13	6,457.00	45,600.00
Synod of Potomac	7	131	267	27,417	17,173	1,943	184	1,243	598	23,559	400	2	119	735	241	17,686	25	16,019.00	99,952.00
Ger. Synod of East	5	44	39	9,503	5,695	1,719	1	652	316	7,302	135	20	115	297	39	6,355	4	3,802.00	63,501.00
Total:—Synods 6...	48	762	1403	161,002	96,147	13,213	1096	9,113	4113	132.709	2249	123	1503	4591	1346	103,511	141	$73,400.00	630,189.00

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"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man." Lev. 19: 32.

All of the following Ministers are still living, and have been ordained over fifty years.

NAME.	ORDAINED.	ADDRESS.
Rev. Dietrich Willers, D. D.,	1821	Fayette, Seneca County, N. Y.
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Rev. John Gring,	1825	Fredericksburg, Lebanon County, Pa.
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COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

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	1863	1866	1869	1872	1875	1878	1881
Synods,	2	2	3	4	6	6	6
Classes,	26	29	31	35	44	45	48
Ministers,	447	485	526	586	631	710	762
Congregations,	1,099	1,144	1,179	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,403
Members,	98,775	109,925	117,910	130,299	142,872	147,788	161,002
Members Unconfirmed,	56,301	69,765	68,362	73,288	87,120	90,993	96,147
Baptisms, given year,	11,739	11,175	12,776	12,487	13,500	13,203	14,309
Baptisms, in 3 years,	35,446	33,638	36,117	38,605	41,272	40,943	43,750
Confirmed, given year,	5,552	6,845	7,068	7,462	8,766	8,456	9,113
Confirmed, in 3 years,	17,616	16,756	20,183	23,247	25,233	26,733	28,240
Certificate, given year,	1,360	2,421	3,592	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,113
Certificate, in 3 years,	4,406	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263
Communed,	87,871	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709
Dismissed, given year,	552	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249
Dismissed, in 3 years,	1,674	2,975	4,459	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791
Excommunicated or Erased, given year,	119	196	144	318	387	174	1,626
Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	428	500	528	722	920	1,711	4,436
Deaths, given year,	4,679	4,207	3,773	4,425	4,494	4,887	4,591
Deaths, in 3 years,	12,725	13,486	11,186	12,594	12,000	14,102	14,492
Sunday-Schools,	894	939	1,020	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,346
Sunday-School Scholars,	22,404	34,000	49,000	63,038	75,868	89,982	103,511
Students for Ministry,				75	123	157	141
Beneficial Contributions, given year,	$29,528	$60,977	$74,453	$86,650	$79,680	$ 61,727	73,400
Beneficial Contributions, in 3 years,	100,000	202,718	228,818	247,387	253,766	207,417	194,869
Congregational Purposes, given year,					310,000	531,929	630,189
Congregational Purposes, in 3 years,					700,000	1,305,905	1,738,213

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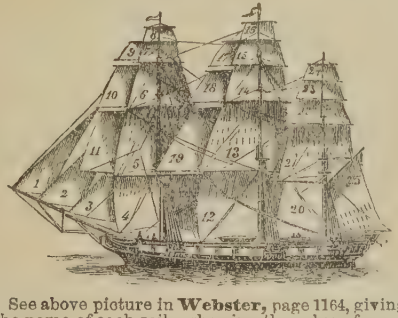

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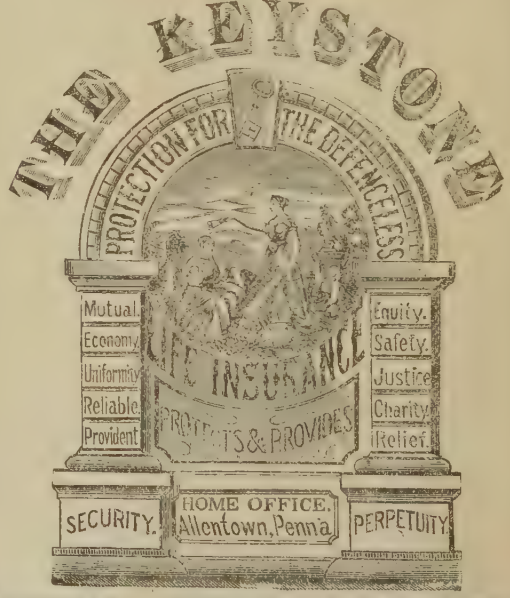

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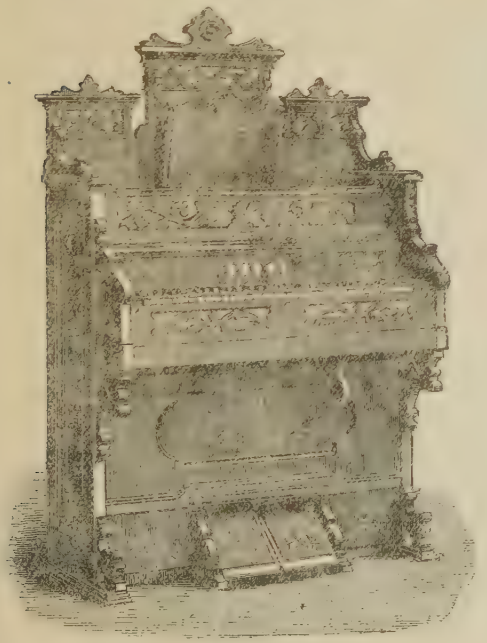

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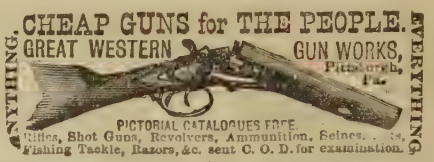
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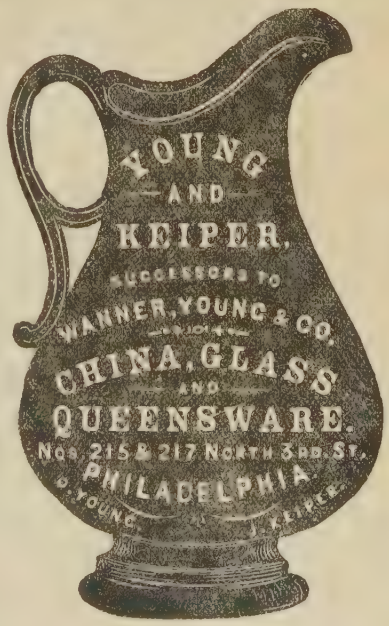

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Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
New Moon.	First Quarter.	Full Moon.	Last Quarter	♄ Saturn.	♂ Mars.	♀ Venus.	☽ Moon.
				♃ Jupiter.	☉ Sun.	☿ Mercury.	♅ Herschel

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. | □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⚹ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. | △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter	G.	Solar Cycle	16
Golden Number or Lunar Cycle	3	Roman Indiction	11
Epact	22	Julian Period	6596

The Jewish Era, with their 5644th year, commences October 2d, 1883.
The Mohammedan Era, with their 1301st year, commences November 2d, 1883.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Jan'y 21.	Palm Sunday, March 18	Trinity Sunday, May 20.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb'y 4.	Easter Sunday, March 25.	Corpus Christi, May 24.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb'y 6.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 3.	1st Sunday in Lent, Dec. 2.
Ash Wednesday, Feb'y 7.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost, May 13.	Sundays after Trinity are 27.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

February 14. May 16. September 19. December 19.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters ♈	March 20th	6	o'clock	20	minutes,	evening.
Summer Solstice,	" " ♋	June 21st,	2	"	6	"	afternoon.
Autumnal Equinox,	" " ♎	September 23d,	5	"	4	"	morning.
Winter Solstice,	" " ♑	December 21st,	11	"	2	"	evening.

(♂.) Mars is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1883.

There will be four Eclipses this year, two at the Sun, and two at the Moon.

The first is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, April 22d, 6 o'clock, 38 minutes in the morning, here nvisible.

The second is a total Eclipse of the Sun, May 6th, 4 o'clock, 45 minutes afternoon, invisible here; visible on the South Pacific Ocean.

The third is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, October 16th, visible in the morning.

Begins	12	o'clock	59	minutes morning.
Middle	1	"	54	" morning.
Ends	2	"	49	" morning.

The fourth is an annular Eclipse of the Sun, October 30th, 6 o'clock, 36 minutes in the evening. nvisible here; visible on the North Pacific Ocean, will be visible partly at California at Sunset.

JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1883

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila h. m.
Monday	1	*New Year*	John 1: 38–51	morn.	♑ 10	☾ 1st. ☿ south 10 50 ♒	4 7	23 4 37	8 3
Tuesday	2	Martyrs H Scrip	" 2	12 49	♑ 23	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. so.	4 7	23 4 37	9 1
Wednesday	3	Gordius	" 3	1 54	♒ 7	♃ south 10 44	5 7	23 4 37	9 5
Thursday	4	Titus	" 4	2 45	♒ 21	♄ south 8 54	5 7	22 4 38	10 4
Friday	5	Simeon	" 5	3 44	♓ 5	Sirius rises 6 36	6 7	22 4 38	11 1
Saturday	6	*Epiphany*	" 6: 1–25	11 33	♓ 19	♂ ☽ ♀ ☊. ♀ rises 4 40	6 7	21 4 39	1 5
1]		*1st Sunday after Epiphany.*	Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min*				
Sunday	7	Widukind	John 6: 26–71	5 23	♈ 4	7* south 8 25	6 7	20 4 40	12 2
Monday	8	Severinus	" 7	6 27	♈ 19	♂ ☽ ♄. ♂ rises 6 34	7 7	19 4 41	12 5
Tuesday	9	Catharine Zell	" 8: 1–20	☽ sets	♉ 5	☽ 9th. ♀ in Perihelion	7 7	19 4 41	1 3
Wednesday	10	Paul of Thebes	" 8: 21–50	6 50	♉ 21	♂ ☽ ☿. ♀ gr. Brilliancy.	8 7	18 4 42	1 5
Thursday	11	Fructuosus	" 9	8 1	♊ 7	♃ south 10 12	8 7	18 4 42	2 4
Friday	12	Jean Chastellain	" 10 1–21	9 9	♊ 23	☽ in per. ♄ south 8 20	9 7	18 4 42	3 1
Saturday	13	Hilary	" 10: 22–42	10 15	♋ 9	Rigel south 9 27	9 7	17 4 43	3 5
2]		*2nd Sunday after Epiphany.*	John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 28 mir*				
Sunday	14	Felix	Mark 1: 1–20	11 16	♋ 25	♀ rises 4 24	9 7	16 4 44	4 4
Monday	15	John de Laski	" 1: 21–45	morn.	♌ 11	☽ 15th. Regulus rises.	10 7	15 4 45	5 1
Tuesday	16	GeorgeSpalatine	" 2	12 17	♌ 25	Spica rises 12 1	10 7	14 4 46	6 1
Wednesday	17	Anthony	" 3: 1–19	1 17	♍ 9	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ south 7 56	10 7	13 4 47	7 1
Thursday	18	John Blackader	" 3: 20–35	2 15	♍ 23	☊. ♉ rises 6 24	11 7	12 4 48	8 1
Friday	19	Heid. Cat. 1563	" 4	3 9	♎ 7	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 9 40 ♒	11 7	11 4 49	9 1
Saturday	20	Fabian	" 5; 6: 1–6	3 59	♎ 21	♄ stationary ☉ enters ♒	11 7	10 5 50	10 1
3]		*Septuagesima Sunday.*	Matt. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–27; 10: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 40 mi*				
Sunday	21	Agnes	Luke 3:	4 48	♏ 5	☿ sets 5 35	12 7	10 4 50	11 1
Monday	22	Vincent	" 4	5 59	♏ 17	☿ gr. Elong. East	12 7	9 4 51	12 2
Tuesday	23	Isaiah	" 5	☽ rise	♏ 29	23d. ♀ rises 4 11	12 7	8 4 52	1 2
Wednesday	24	Timothy	" 6: 1–19	6 29	♐ 11	Orion south 9 19	12 7	7 4 53	2 1
Thursday	25	*Paul's Conver.*	" 6: 20–49	7 28	♐ 25	♉ rises 6 2	13 7	6 4 54	3 1
Friday	26	Polycarp	" 7	8 29	♑ 7	☿ in Perihelion	13 7	5 4 55	4
Saturday	27	Jno. Chrysostom	" 8	9 30	♑ 19	☿ stationary	13 7	4 3 56	4 4
4]		*Sexagesima Sunday.*	Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 19–33; 12: 1–9.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 54 mi*				
Sunday	28	Charlemagne	Luke 9: 1–36	10 34	♒ 1	☽ in apo. ♃ south 9 14	13 7	3 4 57	5
Monday	29	Juventin	" 9: 37–62	11 42	♒ 13	♀ rises 3 56	13 7	2 4 58	6
Tuesday	30	Henry Müller	" 10	morn.	♒ 27	♄ south 7 6	14 7	1 4 59	6 4
Wednesday	31	Hans Sachs	" 11	12 50	♓ 9	31st. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	14 7	0 5 0	7 1

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 1st, 7 o'clock, 49 min., morning.
New Moon. 9th, 12 " 58 " "
First Quarter, 15th, 7 " 46 " evening.
Full Moon, 23d, 2 " 14 " morning.
Last Quarter, 31st, 5 " 25 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear, cold; 3, 4, fair; 5, snow; 6, 7, 8, cold; 9, 1 clear; 11, 12, snow; 13, 14, cold; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 1 variable; 19, 20, snow, 21, 22, 23, N. W. cold; 24, 25, mi 26, 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, 31, rain and snow.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

One more page
In the book of history;
Going on from age to age,
With life's deeds and mystery.

To each one
Sounds the dear Christ's tender call,
"Come and work, while yet, the sun
Shineth, for the night will fall."

Day by day,
Slowly do the ages grow;
And a harvest, far away,
Will arise from what we sow.

Earnestly
Prayerfully, the year we greet,
May the planting it shall see,
Ripen into heavenly wheat.

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THE CHURCH YEAR.

The Church Year is the religious side of our life. As the civil year has its great days, celebrating leading facts in the history of the nation, so the Christian has its high days, its festival seasons, commemorating great facts in the life of Christ and in the work of redemption.

The Gospels and Epistles of the Church Year (the Scripture lesson for each Sunday) are very old. They are traced back to the early and pure ages of the Church. Indeed, the custom may have come from the Jewish Church. The Jews read much of their Scriptures in the Synagogue service by parts and selections. The five books of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets were divided into parts, and one part was read every Sabbath.

Very early the Christian Church found it well to read her New Testament in the same way; and gradually our present Gospel and Epistle selections were prepared, which thus are sacred from long use among God's people.

Therefore, the Church Year belongs to the whole Christian Church, and is found in all lands, and in most denominations, and is now gradually receiving favor where thirty years ago it was despised.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Our Saviour was circumcised on this day, and was thus received into the Jewish Church, as we now become members of the Christian family by Holy Baptism. To-day the world begins a new year, and the Church also celebrates the day with religious observances, in honor of Him "who was circumcised in His spotless flesh, to put honor on the Law which He had come to fulfil." We ought to begin the new year by having the true circumcision of the Spirit, and the law written upon our hearts.

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THE EPIPHANY.

January 6th is a happy festival day in the Christian Church, which celebrates the Saviour's *manifestation* to the Gentiles. By the leading of a star Jesus was manifested to the wise men of the east. The light of the gospel is being spread all over the earth by *missionaries*, and the gentiles are coming to Christ. By giving missionary contributions we help to show forth (Epiphany) Christ to the world.

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high;
Shall we to, men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?"

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☞ Good works do not make a Christian; but one must be a Christian to do good works. The tree bringeth forth the fruit, not the fruit the tree. No one is made a Christian by works, but by Christ; and being in Christ, he brings forth fruit for Him.

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☞ Let your daily reading throughout the month be the page opposite each calendar for the month, together with the Bible Lessons for each day. You will be the better and wiser when the year has closed.

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The purer life draws nigher
Every year;
And its morning star climbs higher
Every year;
And earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the dawn immortal brighter,
Every year.

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. el. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Ignatius	Luke 11:37; 12:1-12	1 51	♑ 23	♃ south 8 48	♋ 14	6 59	5 1	7 46
Friday	2 *Candle Mass*	" 12: 13-59	2 39	♑ 7	☊. ♄ rises 5 58	♌ 14	6 58	5 2	8 30
Saturday	3 Ansgar	" 13: 1-21	3 29	♑ 21	♀ rises 3 59	14	6 57	5 3	9 28

5] *Quinquagesima Sunday.* Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 8 *min.*

Sunday	4	Rhaban. Maurus	Luke 13: 22-35	4 14	♑ 5	♂ ☽ ♀. □ Neptune	☉	14	6 56	5 4	10 26
Monday	5	P. S. Spener	" 14	5 6	♒ 19	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior		14	6 55	5 5	11 22
Tuesday	6	*Shrove Tuesday*	" 15	5 56	♒ 3	♂ ☽ ♄. 7* sets 1 19		14	6 54	5 6	12 20
Wednesday	7	*Ash Wednesday*	" 16	☽ sets	♓ 16	7th. ♂ ☽ ☿		14	6 53	5 7	1 17
Thursday	8	Maria Andreæ	" 17: 1-19	6 52	♓ 29	□ ♄ ☉. ♀ rises 3 56		14	6 52	5 8	1 57
Friday	9	John Hooper	" 17: 20-37	7 54	♈ 12	☽ in per. ♃ south 8 21		14	6 51	5 9	2 35
Saturday	10	F. C. Oetinger	" 18: 1-30	8 50	♈ 25	♄ rises 5 50		15	6 50	5 10	3 16

6] *1st Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 24 *Min.*

Sunday	11	H. de St. Victor	Luke 18:31; 19:1-28	9 51	♉ 9	Spica rises 10 11		15	6 48	5 12	4 11
Monday	12	Lady Jane Grey	" 19:29; 20:1-18	10 52	♉ 23	♄ sets 11 59		15	6 47	5 13	4 50
Tuesday	13	C. F. Schwartz	" 20:19; 21:1-4	11 53	♊ 5	♂ ☿ ♄ ♂ ☽ ♄		14	6 46	5 14	5 31
Wednesday	14	*Ember Day*	" 21: 5-35	morn.	♊ 17	14th. ♍ ♃ south 8 0		14	6 45	5 15	6 15
Thursday	15	Jacob von Loh	" 22: 1-30	12 51	♊ 29	♃ stationary		14	6 43	5 17	7 16
Friday	16	Matth. Desübas	" 22: 31-71	1 45	♋ 11	♀ gr. Elong. West ♂ ☽ ♃		14	6 42	5 18	8 14
Saturday	17	Pat. Hamilton	" 23	2 38	♋ 23	♃ stationary		14	6 41	5 19	9 20

7] *2d Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 15: 21-28; 1 Thess. 4: 1-8. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 40 *min.*

Sunday	18	Simeon of Jerus	Mark 10:32-52	3 22	♉ 5	♀ rises 3 55		14	6 40	5 20	10 24
Monday	19	Mesrob	" 11	4 30	♉ 17	☉ enters ♓		14	6 39	5 21	11 15
Tuesday	20	Sadoth	" 12	5 41	♉ 29	♄ rises 5 32		14	6 38	5 22	12 10
Wednesday	21	Mainrod	" 13	☽ rise	♊ 10	21st. ♃ south 7 39		14	6 36	5 24	1 12
Thursday	22	*Washington B.*	" 14: 1-54	7 0	♊ 22	7* sets 12 46		14	6 35	5 25	1 50
Friday	23	B. Ziegenbalg	" 14:55; 15:1-15	8 6	♋ 4	Wega rises 11 20		14	6 33	5 27	2 41
Saturday	24	Matthias	" 15: 16-47	8 52	♋ 15	♄ sets 11 29		14	6 32	5 28	3 29

8] *3d Sunday in Lent.* Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 58 *min.*

Sunday	25	Casp. Olevianus	Matt. 20: 17-33	9 40	♋ 26	☽ in epo. ♀ rises 3 53		13	6 31	5 29	4 1
Monday	26	Berthold Haller	" 21	10 30	♌ 10	♄ rises 5 20		13	6 30	5 30	4 49
Tuesday	27	Martin Bucer	" 22	11 41	♌ 25	☊ Andromeda sets 9 8		13	6 28	5 32	5 26
Wednesday	28	Jno. deMon. Corv	" 23	morn.	♍ 9	♃ south 7 1		13	6 27	5 33	6 4

MOON'S PHASES.

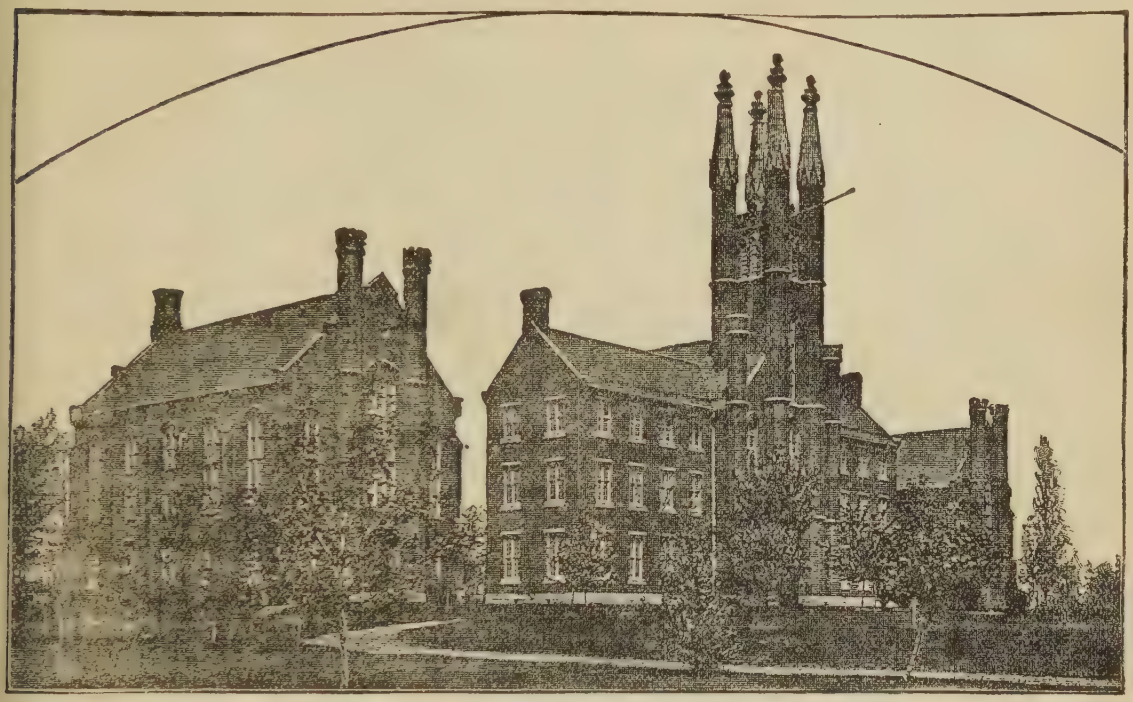
New Moon, 7th, 1 o'clock, 9 min., afternoon.
First Quarter, 14th, 4 " 54 " morning.
Full Moon, 21st, 7 " 17 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, cloudy; 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, 6, fair, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10 snow and rain; 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17 rain; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, snow; 22, 23, moderate; 24, 25 26, rain and snow; 27, 28, cloudy, cold.

(♀.) Venus is Morning Star till the 20th of September, then Evening Star to the end of the year.

FEBRUARY.



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ASH-WEDNESDAY.

Ash-Wednesday is the first day of the solemn season of Lent.

"Saviour, when in dust to Thee,
Low we bow the adoring knee."

There is a time to renew our *penitence*, to exercise special self-denial, and to labor diligently for the Lord.

"Now sov'reign mercy calls, 'Return:'
Dear Lord, and may I come!
My vile ingratitude I mourn:
O take the wanderer home."

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☞ Those who are on the lookout for slights and insults can generally find enough of them, while those who never think of looking for such things, seldom receive any.

MARCH. *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Stüdbert	Matth. 24: 1–31	12 49	♑ 21	☾ 7* sets 12 22	13	6 25	5 35	6 44
Friday	2 John Wesley	" 24: 32–51	1 50	♒ 4	☾ 2nd. ♄ sets 11 16	12	6 24	5 36	7 48
Saturday	3 Bathilde	" 25	2 44	♒ 18	☾ ☿ gr. Elong. West.	12	6 23	5 37	8 51
9]	*4th Sunday in Lent.*	John 6: 1–15; Gal. 4: 21–31.			*Day's Length* 11 *hours*, 18 *min.*				
Sunday	4 Geo. Wishart	Matth. 26: 1–13	3 33	♓ 0	☿ rises 5 38	12	6 21	5 39	8 41
Monday	5 Thos. Aquinas	" 26: 14–35	4 26	♓ 13	☌ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 4 10	12	6 20	5 40	10 40
Tuesday	6 Fridolin	" 26: 36–56	4 56	♓ 26	Sirius south 7 30	11	6 19	5 41	11 30
Wednesday	7 Perpetua	" 26: 57; 27: 1–2	5 30	♈ 8	☾ ☌ ☿. ♁. ♁ rises 5 18	11	6 18	5 42	12 25
Thursday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 27: 3–31	☽ sets	♈ 21	☾ 8th. ♃ south 6 37	11	6 16	5 44	1 19
Friday	9 Cyrillus	" 27: 32–50	7 34	♈ 3	☽ in per. ♄ sets 11 0	11	6 15	5 45	1 42
Saturday	10 Forty Marts Seb.	" 27: 51–56	8 40	♈ 15	Regulus south 10 37	10	6 13	5 47	2 34
10]	*5th Sunday in Lent.*	John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 36 *min.*				
Sunday	11 Wm. Hoseus	John 11	9 34	♈ 27	☿ in Aphelion	10	6 12	5 48	3 20
Monday	12 Greg. the Great	" 12	10 35	♉ 9	☌ ☊ ☉. ♀ rises 4 12	10	6 11	5 49	3 59
Tuesday	13 Rudiricus	" 13: 1–30	11 32	♉ 21	□ ♃ ☉. ☌ ☽ ♄. ☊	10	6 9	5 51	4 42
Wednesday	14 Matilda	" 13: 31–14	morn.	♉ 3	☾ ♄ sets 10 50	9	6 8	5 52	5 30
Thursday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 15	12 30	♉ 15	☾ 15th. ☌ ☽ ♃. ♃ south 6 2	9	6 7	5 53	6 14
Friday	16 Heribert	" 16	1 14	♉ 27	Antarus rises 12 12 ☽	9	6 5	5 55	6 46
Saturday	17 St. Patrick	" 17	2 0	♊ 9	☌ ☿ ♁. ♁ rises 5 0	9	6 4	5 56	7 31
11]	*Palm Sunday.*	John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–10.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 54 *min.*				
Sunday	18 Alexander	Jeremiah 32	2 40	♊ 21	Spica rises 8 1	8	6 3	5 57	8 29
Monday	19 Mary & Martha	Heb. 8	3 15	♊ 3	♃ sets 12 4	8	6 1	5 59	9 26
Tuesday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 9	3 47	♊ 17	☉ enters ♈ Day and Night Equal.	8	6 0	6 0	10 22
Wednesday	21 Benedict	" 10	4 18	♋ 1	Spring commences.	7	5 59	6 1	11 19
Thursday	22 *Maundy Th.*	John 6	4 51	♋ 15	☾ ♀ rises 4 9	7	5 57	6 3	12 17
Friday	23 *Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32–49	☽ rise	♋ 29	☾ 23d. ♄ sets 10 19	7	5 56	6 4	1 16
Saturday	24 Florentius	Heb. 4	7 29	♌ 14	☽ in apo. 7* sets 11 5	6	5 54	6 6	1 49
12]	*Easter Sunday.*	John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11.			*Day's Length*, 12 *hours*, 14 *min.*				
Sunday	25 *Easter Sunday*	Matt. 28	8 37	♌ 28	♁ rises 4 46	6	5 53	6 7	2 32
Monday	26 *Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1–12	9 46	♍ 13	♃ sets 11 44	6	5 52	6 8	3 15
Tuesday	27 Rupertus	Acts 2: 22–37	10 53	♍ 28	☋. Sirius sets 11 14	5	5 51	6 9	3 55
Wednesday	28 John v. Goch	1 Cor. 15	11 57	♎ 12	Orion sets 11 35 ☽	5	5 49	6 11	4 43
Thursday	29 Eustatius	Rom. 6	morn.	♎ 26	☿ rises 4 4	5	5 48	6 12	5 19
Friday	30 John Heermann	" 8	12 49	♏ 10	☾ ♄ sets 9 46	5	5 47	6 13	5 49
Saturday	31 Ernest the Pious	1 Cor. 3	1 31	♏ 24	☾ 31st. ☿ gr. Hel Lat. S.	4	5 45	6 15	6 14

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2d,	12	o'clock,	25 min.,	morning.
New Moon,	8th,	11	"	30 "	evening.
First Quarter,	15th,	3	"	30 "	afternoon.
Full Moon,	23d	1	"	3 "	afternoon.
Last Quarter.	31st,	3	"	20 "	afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, snow; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, 7, cold; 8, 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, storm; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, snow; 21, 22, cold; 23, 24, 25, stormy; 26, 27, moderate; 28, 29, fair; 30, 31, pleasant.

"Who shall Roll us Away the Stone from the Door of the Sepulchre?"

BY HANNAH A. HEYDON.

When the Passion-week had passed,
When upon the sky at last
Dawned the first day's golden ray,
They who sought the garden weeping,
Where they left the Master sleeping,
Found a guard of angels keeping
Watch, beside where Jesus lay,
And the stone was rolled away.

When each footprint meets a thorn;
When our aching hearts have borne
Sorrow, many a weary day,
Think! the path is upward tending,
Darkest day will have an ending;
Faith, above us softly bending,
Whispers of a blessed day
When all tears are wiped away.

Saviour! we would only ask
Strength for life's appointed task,
Light to guide us on our way;
From Thy hand our work receiving,
On Thy faithful love believing,
May we trust our future, leaving
Rest, until shall dawn that day
When the stone is rolled away.

PALM SUNDAY.

The last Sunday of Lent is called Palm Sunday, in commemoration of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, when His disciples cast branches of palm trees before Him, in token that He was the King of Israel. This day reminds us that we should also "cast our trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all."

"Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
O Christ! Thy triumphs now begin,
O'er captive death, and conquered sin."

GOOD FRIDAY.

Jesus was crucified on Friday, and thus purchased eternal redemption for us. Christians therefore regard this as specially a *good* Friday.

"Jesus, Lamb of God, Thy cross
Saves me from eternal loss."

Christians ought to keep this day holy, and think much of Christ's sufferings. With what a price we were bought!

"Our sins and grief on Him were laid;
He meekly bore the mighty load:
Our ransom-price He fully paid,
In groans and tears in sweat and blood."

EASTER SUNDAY.

This is "the Queen of all the festivals." It commemorates a finished redemption — a complete victory! "Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more! Death hath no more dominion over Him!" He is the first-fruits of them that slept. A few others had been previously *restored* to this life, but Jesus was the first who *rose to a new, undying life*—above all the limitations of sin and death.

But He rose not only for Himself; He opened the gate of everlasting life for His people also, so that we may rise in triumph over death and the grave. The light of Eternal Life now shines upon a dark and benighted world! The Lord is risen indeed!

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM.

What men pray for they will labor for, if their prayers are sincere and earnest, and what they honestly labor for they will also pray for. If the peace of Jerusalem was a great blessing in the old dispensation, the peace of the Christian Church is no less a blessing in the new dispensation. Therefore, we are to pray for it. Sometimes strife is necessary, but the individual should subordinate his private judgment on this point to the general judgment of the Church. When the Church decides that there is no proper occasion for variance and strife, we should respect that judgment and pray for the preservation of peace.

"SHAMEFULLY NEGLECTED."

"I have been a member of your Church for thirty years," said an elderly Christian to his pastor, "and when I was laid by with sickness for a week or two, only one or two came to visit me. I was shamefully neglected." "My friend," said the pastor, "in all those thirty years how many sick have *you* visited?" "Oh," he replied, "it never struck me in *that light*."

Christ carried the Cross in His heart long before the mob laid it on His shoulders. Even at the marriage scene in Cana of Galilee, He spake of "His hour."

APRIL, *4th Month, 30 Days.* 188

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WAT Phil h.
13] *1st Sunday after Easter.*		John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–10.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 32 *mi*				
Sunday	1 Fritigid	John 1	2 20	7	♄ sets 9 31	4 5	4 46	6 16	6
Monday	2 Theodosia	" 2	3 0	20	Aldebaran sets 10 38	4 5	4 36	6 17	7
Tuesday	3 Gerh. Terstcegen	" 3	3 35	2	♃ sets 11 28	3 5	4 16	6 19	8
Wednesday	4 Ambrose	" 4	4 4	15	♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 4 3	3 5	4 06	6 20	10
Thursday	5 Christ. Scriver	" 5	4 35	27	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 4 29	3 5	3 96	6 21	11
Friday	6 Albert Durer	" 6: 1–40	5 10	9	♂ ☽ ☿ Orion sets 10 72	2 5	3 86	6 22	12
Saturday	7 Olaus Peterson	" 6: 41–71	☽ sets	21	7th. ☽ in per.	2 5	3 76	6 23	1
14] *2d Sunday after Easter.*		John 10: 11–16; 1 Peter 2: 20–25.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 50 *mi*				
Sunday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	John 7	7 42	3	Sirius sets 10 32	2 5	3 56	6 25	1
Monday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 8: 1–30	8 41	14	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ sets 9 2	2 5	3 46	6 26	2
Tuesday	10 Fulbert	" 8: 31–59	9 42	26	7* sets 9 52	1 5	3 26	6 28	3
Wednesday	11 Leo the Great	" 9	10 41	8	♀ rises 3 59	1 5	3 16	6 29	4
Thursday	12 Sabas	" 10	11 31	20	♀ ☽ ♃. ♃ sets 11 1	1 5	3 06	6 30	4
Friday	13 Justin Martyr	" 11	morn.	2	☿ in Perihelion	0 5	2 96	6 31	4
Saturday	14 John Eccart	" 12	12 16	15	14th. ☿ rises 4 10	Sun 5	2 86	6 32	6
15] *3d Sunday after Easter.*		John 16: 16–22; 1 Peter 2: 11–19.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 6 *mi*				
Sunday	15 Simon Dach	John 13: 14:	12 55	28	Spica south 11 50	fast 5	2 76	6 33	7
Monday	16 Peter Waldo	" 15	1 31	11	♂ ☿ ☉ superior	0 5	2 56	6 35	7
Tuesday	17 Mappalicus	" 16: 17:	2 1	25	Aldebaran sets 9 41	1 5	2 46	6 36	8
Wednesday	18 Luther at Worms	" 18	2 32	9	Arctur south 12 23	1 5	2 36	6 37	9
Thursday	19 Melanchthon	" 19	3 5	23	♄ sets 8 35	1 5	2 16	6 39	10
Friday	20 John Bugenhag.	" 20	3 40	8	☽ in apo. ☉ enters ♉	1 5	2 06	6 40	11
Saturday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 21	4 22	23	7* sets 9 14	1 5	1 96	6 41	12
16] *4th Sunday after Easter.*		John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 24 *mi*				
Sunday	22 Origen	Heb. 1: 2:	☽ rise	8	22d. ♀ rises 3 50	1 5	1 86	6 42	1
Monday	23 Adelbert	" 3: 4:	8 30	23	♌. ♄ rises 3 55	2 5	1 76	6 43	2
Tuesday	24 Wilfrid	" 5: 6:	9 40	8	☿ in Perihelion	2 5	1 56	6 45	2
Wednesday	25 Mark, Ev.	" 7	10 36	23	♃ sets 10 24	2 5	1 46	6 46	3
Thursday	26 Trudpert	" 8	11 10	7	Rigel sets 8 54	2 5	1 36	6 47	4
Friday	27 Otto Catelin	" 9	11 59	21	♂ ☿ Neptune	2 5	1 26	6 48	4
Saturday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 10	morn.	5	♄ sets 8 16	3 5	1 06	6 50	5
17] *5th Sunday after Easter.*		John 16: 23–33; Jas. 1 22–27.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 42 *mi*				
Sunday	29 L. von Berquin	Heb. 11	12 45	18	♀ rises 3 43	3 5	9 6	51	6
Monday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 12	1 30	1	30th. Spica south 10 46	3 5	8 6	52	6

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	7th,	8 o'clock,	35 min.,	morning.
First Quarter,	14th,	3 "	48 "	morning.
Full Moon,	22d,	6 "	26 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	30th,	2 "	2 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, variab
11, 12, 13, fair; 14 15, clear; 16, 17, rain; 18, fair;
20, 21, showers; 22, 23, clear 24, 25, thunder showe
6, 27, 28, pleasant, warm; 29, 30 clear.

ALLENTOWN FEMALE COLLEGE.

ALLENTOWN FEMALE COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN, PA

A LITTLE more than fifteen years ago, members of the Reformed Church, residing in Allentown and its vicinity, interested in the cause of liberally educated women, and impressed with its importance for the welfare of society and the church, determined to found a school in which excellence of scholarship and the highest attainments in elegant arts and accomplishments, should be judiciously combined with a thorough Christian education. The enterprise with such high and noble aims and ends, readily met with favor and encouragement.

The school was founded in 1867. It was at once invested with full collegiate powers. It is a school of the Reformed Church. It is under the general direction of a Board of Trustees, and the auspices of East Pennsylvania and Lehigh classes.

The record of the College shows a steady and substantial growth. The school was organized with eight pupils who met temporarily for instruction in the basement of Zion's Reformed Church. Such was the encouragement given by its friends and others, that within a year of its organization, a site was selected by the Board for the permanent location of the College, and the large building, of which we give an illustration, is an evidence of its outward growth.

Success has also attended its educational work. Since the opening of the College, it has maintained its reputation for the thoroughness of its organization and discipline, and excellence of its training as witnessed in the character and attainments of the young ladies it has sent out. The catalogue records the names of ninety-two ladies who have taken the regular course of study, and constitute the Alumnæ. Hundreds of others have taken a partial course.

If this Church School receive the patronage which it deserves, it cannot be otherwise than successful in an eminent degree, and prove a blessing to society and the church.

Rev. W. R. Hofford, A.M., is the President, and is assisted by an able corps of instructors.

A RULE FOR CONTROVERSIALISTS.

WHEN controversy becomes necessary, avoid *personalities*. They are the resort of a weak cause and narrow minds. Some regard them in the light of wit, but even when they are of this character the wit is of the lowest order. Men should contend for the truth, not for advantage over others. Controversy should seek to heal wounds, not to open them, to win our antagonists, not to embitter and alienate them. Personalities in controversy are used only when arguments fail.

SHAKE HANDS.

SHAKE hands with somebody as you go out of church. The more of it the better, if it is expressive of real interest and feeling. There may be a great deal of the Spirit of the gospel put into a hearty shake of the hand. Think of St. Paul's four times repeated request—"Greet one another"—after the custom then in common use, and one which is expressive of even warmer feeling than our common one of hand-shaking. Why not give your neighbors the benefit of the warm Christian feeling that fills you to your finger tips, and receive the like from them in return? You will both be benefited by it; and the stranger will go away feeling that the church is not, after all, so cold as he had thought it to be.

DR. GUTHRIE'S favorite motto was:

I live for those that love me,
For those that know me true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my coming, too:
For the cause that needs assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
For the good that I can do.

THE *Christian at Work* says:—"It is deplorable that at times we must hear of perhaps a half-dozen candidates for one particular pulpit, each one pressed by friends for the place. Commonly this unseemly spectacle ends in divisions among the people who must decide on the respective merits of the rival claimants. It certainly lowers the popular estimate, or what ought to be the popular estimate, of the sacred ministry, and inflates congregations with a sense of their own importance which holds out slight prospect of comfort to pastors placed in charge of them.

NO COMPLIMENT.

WHEN your pastor gets a brother minister to preach for him, it is no compliment to him for the membership to absent itself, because "we don't want to hear any one but our pastor." It shows neither love nor respect for the latter.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m
Tuesday	1	Phil. & James	Heb. 13	2 12	♓ 13	♂ ☿ ♄ . ♀ in Aphelion ♒	3 5	7 6	53	7 4
Wednesday	2	Athanasius	John 14	2 40	♓ 25	♀ rises 3 27	3 5	6 6	54	8 5
Thursday	3	*Ascension Day*	Col. 2	3 12	♈ 7	Sirius sets 8 50	3 5	5 6	55	9 5
Friday	4	Florian	John 15	3 41	♈ 19	☽ ☌ ♀ . ♁ ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N	3 5	4 6	56	10 3
Saturday	5	Fred. the Wise	" 16	4 11	♉ 1	☽ in per. ♁ rises 3 36	3 5	3 6	57	12

18] *6th Sunday after Easter.* John 15: 26–16: 1; 1 Peter 4: 8–11. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 56 mi*

Sunday	6	John of Damasc.	1 John 1	☽ sets	♉ 12	6th. ♌ Orion sets 9 18	4 5	2 6	58	1 1
Monday	7	Otto the Great	2	8 20	♉ 24	☌ ☽ ♄ ♄ sets 8 2	4 5	1 6	59	1 5
Tuesday	8	Stanislaus	3	9 10	♊ 6	☌ ☽ ☿ . ♃ sets 10 2	4 5	0 7	0	2 4
Wednesday	9	Greg. Nazianzen	4	10 1	♊ 18	☌ Neptune ☉ . ☌ ☽ ♃	4 4	59 7	1	3 3
Thursday	10	John Heuglin	5	10 44	♋ 0	Spica south 10 8 ♍	4 4	58 7	2	4 1
Friday	11	John Arndt	Joel 3	11 22	♋ 13	♀ rises 3 32	4 4	57 7	3	4 5
Saturday	12	Meletius	John 17	11 54	♋ 27	Arctur south 10 52	4 4	56 7	4	5 4

19] *Whit Sunday or Pentecost.* John 14: 15–21; Acts 2: 1–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 10 mi*

Sunday	13	*Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1–7	morn.	♌ 9	13th. ♁ rises 3 24	4 4	55 7	5	6 2
Monday	14	*Whit Monday*	" 5	12 19	♌ 23	☿ gr. Elon. East	4 4	54 7	6	7 2
Tuesday	15	Moses	Rom. 12	12 54	♍ 7	☿ sets 7 52	4 4	53 7	7	8 1
Wednesday	16	*Ember Day*	1 Cor. 1–3:	1 24	♍ 20	♃ sets 9 38	4 4	52 7	8	8 5
Thursday	17	Joachim of Flor.	Rom. 6: 19; 7	1 53	♎ 4	♄ sets 7 46	4 4	51 7	9	9 4
Friday	18	80 Mar. un. Val.	" 8	2 24	♎ 19	☽ in apo. 7* sets 9 36	4 4	50 7	10	10 3
Saturday	19	Alcuin	2 Cor. 5	3 0	♏ 4	☿ rises 3 25	4 4	50 7	10	11 2

20] *Trinity Sunday.* John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 22 mi*

Sunday	20	Val. Herberger	Acts 1: 2	3 41	♏ 19	♃ ☌ ♄ ☉ . Librae south 10 38	4 4	49 7	11	12 1
Monday	21	Constantine	" 3	☽ rise	♐ 4	21st. ☉ enters ♊	4 4	48 7	12	1
Tuesday	22	Castus & Aemil	" 4	8 38	♐ 19	Sirius sets 7 44	4 4	47 7	13	1 4
Wednesday	23	Jerome Savonar	" 5	9 25	♑ 4	♁ rises 3 11	3 4	46 7	14	2 3
Thursday	24	Augustine Cazal.	" 6	10 15	♑ 18	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 4	45 7	15	3 1
Friday	25	Augustine	" 7	11 1	♒ 2	♃ sets 9 21	3 4	44 7	16	3 5
Saturday	26	Beda Venerabilis	" 8	11 38	♒ 15	Antaries south 7 43	3 4	44 7	16	4 4

21] *1st Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 16: 19–21; 1 John 4: 7–21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 34 mi*

Sunday	27	John Calvin	1 Pet. 2: 1–10	morn.	♒ 28	☿ stationary	3 4	43 7	17	5 5
Monday	28	Lanfranc	Acts 10	12 16	♓ 11	♀ rises 3 16	3 4	42 7	18	6 1
Tuesday	29	Dav. Zeisberger	" 11	12 47	♓ 24	29th. Ori. sets 7 48	3 4	42 7	18	6 5
Wednesday	30	Jerome of Prague	" 12	1 16	♈ 6	Arctur south 9 40	3 4	41 7	19	7 4
Thursday	31	Joac'm Nand	1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 7	1 40	♈ 18	Spica south 8 44	3 4	41 7	19	8 3

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	6th,	4	o'clock,	57	min., afternoon,
First Quarter,	13th,	5	"	53	" evening.
Full Moon,	21st	10	"	10	" evening.
Last Quarter,	29th,	9	"	21	" forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEAHER.

1, thunder showers; 2, 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, rain; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, cloud 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, 24, warm; 25, cloudy; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, warm; 31, variable.

(♄.) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun, the 20th, and cannot be seen.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS HOME.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS HOME, BUTLER, PA.

This Home is situated on a beautiful hill east of Butler, county-seat of Butler County, Pa. The property was purchased by St. Paul's Classis of the Reformed Church, and dedicated as an Orphan Home, December 10th, 1867. Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., presided at and performed the act of dedication. Addresses were delivered on the occasion by Revs. T. J. Barkley, F. K. Levan and Wm. M. Landis.

Rev. C. A. Limberg was elected its first Superintendent, holding the position until 1871, when he resigned. During his term of office, the entire purchase indebtedness was paid and the institution brought to a good degree of usefulness and prosperity.

Rev. J. B. Thompson was elected Superintendent, and entered upon his duties June 1st, 1871, retaining the position until April, 1877, when his resignation went into effect. During his superintendency a number of improvements were made, leaving, however, an indebtedness.

The Rev. T. F. Stauffer was then elected Superintendent, and entered upon his duties April, 1877. By June, 1878, the indebtedness was removed and the institution prosperous. A new school house was now built, and many improvements made to the other buildings, and on the farm. In the spring of 1882, the management found it necessary to remove the dilapidated north wing of the main building and contract for a new one, to be completed September 1st, 1882. This has been done, leaving an indebtedness upon the Home of several thousand dollars. The Rev. T. F. Stauffer resigned the Superintendency June 14th, 1882, and Rev. P. C. Prugh became his successor in September last.

The Home is in every respect worthy of the fostering care and liberal support of the church. Having for its object the maintenance and Christian training of the fatherless of the Church, as well as also to care for destitute orphans of every class, it has primary claims upon the Church and the charitably inclined everywhere. A large number of children have enjoyed its benefits and privileges, and are now numbered as honorable citizens. The present number of children enrolled and admitted as church orphans 26; State children on roll 9; total number in the Home 35.

ASCENSION DAY.

There is something particularly calm and sweet connected with Ascension Day. How gently Jesus passed from earth to heaven! He left His blessings with His disciples who remained behind.

His Ascension makes the departure of the Christian peaceful and calm. We shall follow Him, and be where He is.

"If He in heaven hath fixed His throne,
He'll fix His members there."

The Forerunner has entered within the vail for us; and our Hope, like an anchor sure and steadfast, holds us there. The hope of heaven cheers us in our weary mortal state.

WHITSUNDAY.

Ten days after the Ascension of our Lord, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in Jerusalem. The promised Comforter came, and imparted new life and light and joy, to the little band of believers. The Christian Church was thus fully established, her ministers endowed with power from on high, and they at once began to preach and administer the Holy Sacraments.

The whole of our Saviour's mission was a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Life, Light and Love.

"Baptize the nations; far and nigh
The triumphs of the cross record;
The name of Jesus glorify,
Till every kindred call Him Lord!"

TRINITY SUNDAY.

By the coming of the Holy Spirit, the revelation of God to man was made complete. All has been done that could be done for man by the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier.

The Church joyfully celebrates this day the mystery of the ever adorable Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In the name of the Trinity we have been baptized and confirmed; let us strive to realize the full power of this faith in our lives.

"The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee,
The Father of an infinite Majesty,
Thine adorable, true and only Son,
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter."

JUNE, *6th Month, 30 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1	J. Fred Oberlin	1 Pet. 3: 18–4: 16	2 8	♈ 29	♄ rises 2 52 ☋	2	4 40	7 20	9 32
Saturday	2	Pothinus	" 4: 17–5	2 43	♉ 11	☽ in per. ☽ ☌ ♄ . ☿	2	4 40	7 20	10 33

22] *2d Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–21. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 42 *min.*

Sunday	3	Chlotilde	James 1	3 17	♉ 23	☿ rises 3 10	2	4 39	7 21	11 34
Monday	4	Quirinus	2 Pet. 1: 12–2: 3:	3 49	♊ 5	☌ ☽ ♄ . ♉	2	4 39	7 21	12 32
Tuesday	5	Boniface	Jas. 2	☽ sets	♊ 17	5th. ☌ ☽ ☿ ♄ rises 3 50	2	4 38	7 22	1 30
Wednesday	6	Norbert	" 3	8 10	♊ 29	☌ ☽ ♃ . ♃ sets 8 41 ☋	2	4 38	7 22	1 59
Thursday	7	Paul Gerhart	" 4	8 58	♋ 12	☿ in Aphelion	1	4 38	7 22	2 40
Friday	8	A. H. Francke	" 5	9 40	♋ 25	☌ ☿ Neptune	1	4 37	7 23	3 26
Saturday	9	Columba	Jude	10 12	♌ 8	Regulus sets 11 34	1	4 37	7 23	4 16

23] *3d Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Pet. 5: 6–11. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	10	Fred. Barbarossa	Acts 13: 1–12	10 46	♌ 21	□ ♅ ☉ Arctur south 8 54	1	4 37	7 23	4 56
Monday	11	Barnabas	" 13: 13–52	11 18	♍ 5	☿ rises 3 7	1	4 36	7 24	5 40
Tuesday	12	Renata	" 14	11 59	♍ 18	12th. ♄ rises 2 30	0	4 36	7 24	6 20
Wednesday	13	Isaac Le Febre	" 15	morn.	♎ 3	Spica south 7 50	0	4 36	7 24	6 59
Thursday	14	Basil	" 16	12 20	♎ 16	☽ in apo. Antares south 10 49	sun	4 35	7 25	7 42
Friday	15	W. Wilberforce	" 17: 1–14	12 57	♏ 1	♃ sets 8 12	sto	4 35	7 25	8 36
Saturday	16	Richard Baxter	" 17: 15; 18: 11	1 29	♏ 16	♄ rises 3 18	0	4 35	7 25	9 31

24] *4th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 11–23. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	17	John Tauler	1 Thess. 1	1 59	♏ 1	☊. 7* rises 2 32	1	4 35	7 25	10 28
Monday	18	Pamphilus	" 2: 1–16	2 34	♏ 15	☿ rises 3 1	1	4 35	7 25	11 24
Tuesday	19	Council at Nice	" 2: 17; 3	3 20	♐ 0	☌ ☿ ♄ . ☿ stationary ☋	1	4 35	7 25	12 22
Wednesday	20	27 Martyrs	" 4	☽ rise	♐ 14	20th. ♄ rises 2 22	1	4 35	7 25	1 20
Thursday	21	Matt. Claudius	" 5	8 23	♐ 28	☉ enters ♋. Longest Day	1	4 34	7 26	2 10
Friday	22	Gottschalk	" 1: 2: 1–12	8 59	♑ 12	Summer commences	1	4 35	7 25	2 57
Saturday	23	Gottfried Arnold	" 2: 13–3	9 36	♑ 26	♄ rises 2 15	2	4 35	7 25	3 44

25] *5th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Pet. 3: 8–15. *Day's Length,* 14 *hours,* 50 *min.*

Sunday	24	John Baptist	Gal. 1: 1–10	10 12	♒ 9	♃ sets 7 39	2	4 35	7 25	4 27
Monday	25	Augsburg Conf.	Acts 18: 22; 19: 1–10	10 47	♒ 22	♄ rises 2 59	2	4 35	7 25	5 11
Tuesday	26	J. Val. Andreæ	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1–14	11 17	♓ 4	☌ ♄ Neptune	2	4 35	7 25	5 57
Wednesday	27	Seven Sleepers	" 2. 15; 3: 1–14	11 46	♓ 16	27th. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3	4 35	7 25	6 45
Thursday	28	Irenæus	" 3: 15	morn.	♓ 28	♄ rises 2 42	3	4 35	7 25	7 35
Friday	29	Peter and Paul	" 4	12 26	♈ 10	♄ rises 1 51	3	4 36	7 24	8 25
Saturday	30	Raymond Lully	" 5: 6:	1 21	♈ 23	☽ in per. ☌ ☽ ♄ . ☊	3	4 36	7 24	9 17

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	5th,	1	o'clock, 11	min., morning.
First Quarter,	12th,	9	" 40	" forenoon.
Full Moon,	20th,	11	" 30	" forenoon.
Last Quarter	27th,	2	" 36	" afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, warm; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, warm; 11, 12, thunder showers; 13, 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, warm; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, sultry.

MISSION HOUSE, Tokio, Japan.

MISSION HOUSE, JAPAN.

The Church has certainly great reason to rejoice that at last it has an established Foreign Mission of its own. Prior to the year 1878, it had done but little in the way of Foreign Mission work. It had contributed towards the support of Rev. B. Schneider, Missionary in Syria, under the care of American Board of Commissioners of F. M., and also contributed towards the sustaining of a Missionary at Beram-pore, in India. But it began to be felt that the Church must have one of its own, and so April 15th, 1873, the Board, at its meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., resolved that Japan should be the country where a Mission should be planted. Subsequently, at a meeting at the same place, September 30th, 1878, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring was elected Missionary. At Easton, Pa., October 25th, 1878, during the Annual Sessions of Synod of the United States, the Missionary was solemnly ordained to the gospel ministry, and assigned by the Executive Committee of the Board, to Japan, as his field of labor.

The Missionary and his wife, Harriet L. Gring, sailed from San Francisco in May, 1879, and reached Yokohama, Japan, the following month. Their first step was to rent a house and secure foreign teachers, and at once commence the study of the Japanese language. Tokio was selected as the proper place for Missionary work. And as it was cheaper to own a house there than to rent one for a residence—a fine lot and dwelling, situated in the foreign concession, called Tsukiji, being offered for sale at half its cost value, it was at once purchased—and June 28th, 1880, the Missionary took possession of it. We give, in connection with this sketch, a picture of it which was taken from a Photograph sent to this country by the Missionary. After three years of diligent and patient study of the language of the country, the Missionary is now able to preach the gospel to those he has been able to gather around him. Surely the Church should rejoice at this and let its prayers ascend, that his labors may be crowned with success, and many of the heathen may be taught to know Jesus, the Saviour. The progress made should encourage our people to contribute more and more towards this blessed cause. It is proposed to secure another young man, willing to go out and join the first Missionary there, and be a co-laborer with him. It is to be hoped that the proper one may soon be found.

THE WORK OF MISSIONS.

In the whole history of the Reformed Church in this country there never was a time when the work of Missions, home and foreign, was prosecuted with greater vigor and success than at present. The Church has now a mission in Japan, and aids in support of flourishing Missionary work in India. In the home-field there are nearly a hundred Missionaries laboring in establishing congregations. No church in this country has a more urgent call to this work, and better prospects in prosecuting it than our own, in view, especially of the German immigration constantly coming to our shores.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

First and foremost, a *Missionary Spirit.* Next, systematic organization in all our churches by means of congregational Missionary Societies, and systematic methods of making contributions. Then, the cultivation of a spirit of liberality, so that our contributions may be largely increased. Finally, the spread of information among our people, of the condition and wants of our Missionary fields.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

In conducting the stated meetings of our Congregational Missionary Societies, proper efforts should be made to make them interesting. This requires careful preparation, especially on the part of those who conduct them, and take part in their services. There is need of a carefully prepared tract giving an outline of the best methods of conducting these meetings. Preparatory to this, or along with this, let some articles be prepared on this subject and published in our Church periodicals. By means of these meetings the mind, and heart of the Church may be kept in close communion and sympathy with the work of our Missionaries. A Constitution for such a Society will be found on another page.

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
26]	*6th Sunday after Trinity.*	Matthew 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 48 *min.*				
Sunday	1 H. Voes	1 Cor. 1	2 10	4	☌ ☽ ♄. ♀ sets 3 0 ☋	3 4	3 6	7 24	10 19
Monday	2 Visit V. M.	" 2	2 54	15	☊. ☿ gr. Elon. West. ☽ ☌ ♀ ♁	4 4	3 6	7 24	11 20
Tuesday	3 Otto Bishop	" 3; 4: 1–4	3 44	26	☿ rises 3 50 ☉ in apo. ♋	4 4	3 7	7 23	12 21
Wednesday	4 *Independence*	" 4; 5; 5: 1–8	☽ sets	7	4th. ☌ ☿ ♀. ☌ ☽ ☌	4 4	3 7	7 23	1 21
Thursday	5 Lord Cobham	" 5: 9; 6:	7 56	18	☌ ☌ ☉. ♄ rises 2 20	4 4	3 7	7 23	1 58
Friday	6 John Huss	" 7	8 29	29	Antares south 9 22	4 4	3 8	7 22	2 46
Saturday	7 Willibald	" 8: 9:	8 59	11	Aldebaran rises 2 25	5 4	3 8	7 22	3 32
27]	*7th Sunday after Trinity.*	Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 19–23.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 42 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Kilian	1 Cor. 10; 11: 1	9 28	25	♁ rises 1 32	5 4	3 9	7 21	4 17
Monday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 11: 2	9 56	9	Spica sets 11 28	5 4	3 9	7 21	4 54
Tuesday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 12: 1–30	10 26	23	Dog Days Begin	5 4	4 0	7 20	5 30
Wednesday	11 Placedus	" 12: 31; 13	10 57	8	♀ rises 3 8	5 4	4 0	7 20	6 10
Thursday	12 Henry II.	" 14	11 29	22	12th. ☽ in apo.	5 4	4 1	7 19	6 49
Friday	13 Eugenius	" 15: 1–34	morn.	6	Wega south 11 2	5 4	4 1	7 19	7 35
Saturday	14 Bonaventura	" 15: 35; 16	12 1	24	☊. ♄ rises 1 54	5 4	4 2	7 18	8 31
28]	*8th Sunday after Trinity.*	Matthew 7: 15–23; Rom. 8: 12–17.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 34 *min.*				
Sunday	15 Answer	Acts 19: 11; 20: 1	12 46	4	7* rises 12 34	6 4	4 3	7 17	8 28
Monday	16 Anna Askow	2 Cor. 1: 1–22	1 39	18	Regulus sets 9 1	6 4	4 3	7 17	10 24
Tuesday	17 Separatus & 11 co.	" 1: 23; 2	2 41	3	Arctur sets 10 56 ☋	6 4	4 4	7 16	11 20
Wednesday	18 Arnulf	" 3; 4: 1–6	3 50	17	♁ rises 1 12	6 4	4 5	7 15	12 15
Thursday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 4: 7; 5: 10	☽ rise	11	19th. ♀ in ☊	6 4	4 6	7 14	1 10
Friday	20 John Martheil	" 5: 11; 6; 7: 1	7 55	15	☌ ☿ ☋. ♁ ☌ ♄	6 4	4 6	7 14	1 52
Saturday	21 Eberhard	" 7: 2	8 32	29	☿ in Perihelion	6 4	4 7	7 13	2 49
29]	*9th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 6–13.			*Day's Length* 14 *hours*, 24 *min.*				
Sunday	22 Mary Magdalen	2 Cor. 8	9 5	12	☉ enters ☊	6 4	4 8	7 12	3 31
Monday	23 God'frv. Hamelle	" 9	9 38	25	♀ rises 3 20	6 4	4 9	7 11	4 20
Tuesday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 10	10 11	7	♄ rises 1 24	6 4	5 0	7 10	5 8
Wednesday	25 St. James	" 11	10 42	19	☽ in per. ☌ ♀ ☋	6 4	5 1	7 9	5 48
Thursday	26 Christopher	" 12: 1–18	11 18	1	26th. Orion rises 3 2	6 4	5 2	7 8	6 30
Friday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 12: 19; 13:	morn.	13	☊ Aldebaran rises 12 58	6 4	5 2	7 8	7 28
Saturday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	Acts 20: 1–13	12 8	25	♁ rises 12 59	6 4	5 3	7 7	8 26
30]	*10th Sunday after Trinity.*	Luke 19: 41–48; 1 Cor. 12: 5–11.			*Day's Length*, 14 *hours*, 12 *min.*				
Sunday	29 Olaus	Rom. 1: 1–17	12 51	7	☽ ☌ ♄ ♁. ☌ ☿ ☉ Inferior.	6 4	5 4	7 6	9 24
Monday	30 John Wessel	" 1: 18–31	1 31	19	♀ rises 3 28	6 4	5 5	7 5	10 21
Tuesday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 2	2 34	1	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ♋	6 4	5 6	7 4	11 18

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	4th,	10	o'clock, 2 min.,	forenoon.
First Quarter,	12th,	2	" 48 "	morning.
Full Moon,	19th,	10	" 29 "	evening.
Last Quarter.	26th,	7	" 12 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, warm; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, warmest days; 13, 14, 15, warm; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, thunder showers; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, sultry; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, warm.

(☋.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun, the 5th, and cannot be seen.

REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD.

We have here a picture of the present Publication House of the Church. It was purchased by the Board of Publication in 1873. It is well situated and very well suited for the purpose. On the first floor there is the Book Store, and Publication Office, where all the business pertaining to the Publications of the Church is transacted. The rooms on the other floors are occupied by parties renting them.

From this building, all the Publications, books and periodicals, of the Church are sent out.

REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD.

The affairs of the Board of Publ cation are now in a prosperous co dition, and it is well worthy of th confidence and patronage of th Church. It deserves the support the whole Church, as it is an Inst tution of *the Church* and not tha of any private individual. It under the management of an efficie Board, whose members are electe by the three Eastern Synods, wit Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, as Superinte dent and Treasurer.

All pastors and members of th Church will receive a warm welcom should they call at these Publicatio Rooms, when they are in the city Philadelphia. They should not g home without calling at 907 Arch S

WHAT THE CONSTITUTION SAYS.

No one can be ordained to the Holy Ministry under twenty-one years of age.

A Minister is bound to continue in the service of the sanctuary as long as he lives; nor dare he devote himself to any secular calling, at his own pleasure.

Members of the Church must, by a proper support, place their Ministers above disturbing want, that they may give themselves entirely to their sacred work.

Our Church Courts are these: Consistory, Classis, Synod, and General Synod. The last meets only every three years.

Each Synod shall give every necessary attention to the education of poor young men for the Ministry, and to both Home Missions and Foreign Missions, as well as to the publication of books and papers for the Church.

"All baptized persons are members of the Church, under its care, and subject to its government and discipline."

"A child may be baptized, if one of the parents be a communicant member; but if neither of them be such, it must remain for the present unbaptized, agreeably to 1 Cor. vii. 14."

Baptisms should be in the Church, and parents must themselves take every vow.

Every Minister shall give special attention to the instruction of the young to prepare them for full membership. The Elders shall be present, if possible, at this catechization. Persons become full members of th Church by the rite of confirmation.

Members removing shall obtain a certificate of di mission, and connect themselves at the earliest oppo tunity with the congregation to whose bounds they hav removed. This certificate is good for only one year.

No Minister shall accept payment for administerin Baptism or the Lord's Supper and so make traffic sacred things. The same ought to hold also in rega to funerals, says the Constitution. He should have proper salary, and all his services should then be free.

Family worship and prayer-meetings during the wee are important.

DECISION WITH CHILDREN.

Whatever you think proper to grant a child, let be granted at the first word, without entreaty or praye and above all without making conditions. Grant wit pleasure, refuse with reluctance, but let your refusal b irrevocable; let no importunity shake your resolution let the particle "no," when once pronounced, be a wa of brass, which a child, after he has tried his streng against it half a dozen times, shall never more endeav to shake.

Immediately after finding the last hymn of the Churc service, turn to the doxology, so as to have it ready whe the congregation rises to sing the same.

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1	Maccabees	Rom. 3	3 41	♋ 14	☽ ☌ ♃ ☿ ♃ rises 3 46	6	4 57	7 3	12 6
Thursday	2	Mar. under Nero	" 4	☽ sets	♋ 26	2d. ☿ rises 3 51	6	4 58	7 2	1 4
Friday	3	Wm. Thorp	" 5: 1–11	7 12	♌ 9	☌ ☽ ☿ . ♄ rises 12 52	6	4 59	7 1	1 4
Saturday	4	Leonard Käser	" 5: 12–21	7 39	♌ 23	♄ rises 12 49	6	5 0	7 0	2 31

31] 11*th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 58 *min.*

Sunday	5	Salzb'g Evang.	" 5; 6:	8 10	♌ 7	Altair south 10 42	6	5	6 59	3 20
Monday	6	Transfiguration	" 7	8 34	♌ 20	Sirius rises 4 30	6	5	6 58	4 11
Tuesday	7	Nonna	" 8: 1–15	9 6	♍ 4	♄ rises 12 24	5	5	6 57	4 50
Wednesday	8	Hormisdas	" 8: 16–39	9 42	♍ 19	♃ rises 3 24	5	5	6 56	5 30
Thursday	9	Numidicus	" 9: 1–13	10 24	♍ 3	☽ in apo.	5	5	6 55	6 14
Friday	10	Laurentius	" 9: 14–33	11 6	♎ 18	10th. ☿ rises 4 8	5	5	6 54	6 55
Saturday	11	Greg. of Utrecht	" 10	11 55	♎ 1	☊ rises 12 29	5	5	7 6 53	7 41

32] 12*th Sunday after Trinity.* Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 42 *min.*

Sunday	12	An. of Havelb'g	Rom. 11	morn.	♎ 15	7* rises 10 44	5	5	9 6 51	8 29
Monday	13	C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 12	12 50	♎ 29	Regulus sets 7 15	5	5	10 6 50	9 10
Tuesday	14	James Guthrie	" 13	1 40	♏ 13	□ Neptune ☉ ♁ in ☊	4	5	11 6 49	10 54
Wednesday	15	Ass'n V. Mary	" 14	2 36	♏ 27	♄ rises 11 40	4	5	12 6 48	11 40
Thursday	16	John of Saxony	" 15: 1–13	3 22	♐ 10	Spica sets 8 59	4	5	13 6 47	12 29
Friday	17	John Gerhard	" 15: 14; 33	3 59	♐ 24	Rigel rises 12 52	4	5	14 6 46	12 59
Saturday	18	Hugo Grotius	" 16	☽ rises	♑ 7	18th. Dog Days End.	4	5	15 6 45	1 30

33] 13*th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 15–22. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 26 *min.*

Sunday	19	Sebaldus	Acts 20	7 13	♑ 20	♀ rises 4 17	3	5	17 6 43	2 14
Monday	20	Bernard of Clair.	" 21	7 46	♒ 3	♁ rises 12 11	3	5	18 6 42	2 54
Tuesday	21	1st Morv. Mission	" 22; 23:	8 20	♒ 15	☽ in per. ♃ rises 2 40	3	5	19 6 41	3 42
Wednesday	22	Symphorianus	" 24; 25:	8 55	♒ 27	☿ in Perihelion	3	5	20 6 40	4 31
Thursday	23	Gasp. de Cologne	" 26	9 33	♓ 9	♃ . ☉ enters ♏	2	5	21 6 39	5 14
Friday	24	Bartholomew	" 27	10 10	♓ 21	♄ rises 11 9	2	5	23 6 37	5 56
Saturday	25	Louis IX.	" 28	10 54	♈ 3	25th. ☌ ☽ ♄ .	2	5	24 6 36	6 40

34] 14*th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24. *Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 10 *min.*

Sunday	26	Ulfilas	Eph. 1: 1–14	11 40	♈ 15	Neptune stationary	2	5	25 6 35	7 20
Monday	27	Jovinian	" 1: 15; 2: 1–10	morn.	♈ 27	☌ ☽ ♁ . ♁ rises 12 1	1	5	26 6 34	7 59
Tuesday	28	Aug. of Heppo	" 2: 11; 3:	12 50	♉ 9	7* rises 9 44	1	5	27 6 33	8 46
Wednesday	29	St. John Baptist	" 4: 1–17	1 59	♉ 21	☌ ☽ ♃ . ♃ rises 2 10	1	5	29 6 31	9 55
Thursday	30	Claud. of Turin	" 4: 18	3 1	♊ 4	Spica sets 8 8	1	5	30 6 30	10 59
Friday	31	Aidan	" 5; 6: 1–9	4 5	♊ 18	Orion rises 12 42	0	5	31 6 29	12 14

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	2d,	8	o'clock, 25 min.,	evening.
First Quarter,	10th,	8	" 28 "	evening.
Full Moon,	18th,	7	" 52 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	25th,	12	" 30 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, thunder; 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14 15, 16, warm; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, thunder showers; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, showers; 28, 29, 30, fair; 31, warm.

PALATINATE COLLEGE.

"Palatinate College," Myerstown, Pa., Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D.D., Pres.

This Institution is located at Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa. It was chartered in the year 1868, and is invested with full collegiate powers.

It is under the supervision of the Lebanon Classis of the Reformed Church, and is controlled by an efficient Board of Trustees. It is the aim of all having a control of it, to make it a home of Christian nurture.

H. R. Nicks, A. M., was its first President. He was succeeded by Rev. Geoorge W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., who in turn was succeeded by Rev. George B. Russell, D. D., the present President. He is assisted by an efficient corps of Professors. The Catalogue of 1882 contains the names of eight Professors, and teachers, and 129 pupils of both sexes. It has an Academic, and a Collegiate Department, the latter being divided into a Scientific and Ladies' Course, and a Classical Course. There is also a Musical Department, the aim of which is to give a good musical education, both in the technicalties and the Æsthetics of the art.

LIFE.

LIFE is not living
Just for to-day,
Life is not dreaming
All the short way.

To live is to do
What must be done;
To work and be true,
For work is soon done

'Tis living for others,
To lighten their load;
'Tis helping your brothers,
And trusting in God.

James H. Hoadley.

COURTESY.

If found anywhere, courtesy should be found at home among parents and children, brothers and sisters, masters and servants. It should be no mere company ornament, put on for show where there are no observers, but an article of daily wear. It is a home grace, and should be seen at its finest at the fireside, not only in the thoughtful and delicate attentions of one member of the family to another, but also in conversation purged of all flippancy and rudeness.—*Selected.*

GOSSIP.

Guard against the habit of talking over your friends, of laughing at their little peculiarities, and finding fault with their ways. The habit grows by use, and once indulged in, it produces a pettiness of character which is undignified and far from admirable. The truth in love, is the gospel rule.

BALKY CHURCH MEMBERS.

Those who have owned balky horses know they are very hard to manage. They have a peculiar knack of having their own way, and will go backward and forward at their own will, while no amount of coaxing can induce them to change their course of action, when once they have determined upon it. If they happen to take the backward movement, all has to stand still until their fancy changes, when they spring forward with force enough to carry the whole load themselves, without aid from their mates. We have seen Church members who remind us of balky horses. They will stand still and do nothing themselves, and prove a hindrance to others; then, all at once, forward they spring, all ambition at work. They cannot do enough while the fit lasts, and they begin to whip up the members who have been pulling steadily all the time, and who accomplish more than an army of these balky workers who go by fits and starts.

ABOUT DANCING.

"It is told of the late Bishop McIlvaine, of the Episcopal Church, that when asked by a young lady, 'Is it any harm for Christians to dance?' he replied in his inimitable way, 'My sister, Christians have no desire to dance.' This brings us to the very centre of this question. Fondness for the dance reveals the decline or departure of earnest, vital piety."

☞To be successful in anything we must be interested in it. If we would interest others, we must be interested ourselves. This is especially true of preachers. A preacher who talks as if he had no particular interest in the sermon, must not be surprised if his hearers lack interest also. If he fails to secure their attention, and awaken their interest, he will not be apt to accomplish much good.

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila h. m.
Saturday	1 Hanna	Eph. 6: 10	☽ sets	♐ 2	1st. ☌ ☽ ☿ 7* rises 9 32 ♒	0 5	32	6 28	1 6
35] 15*th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 54 min.*				
Sunday	2 Mamas	Col. 1:	7 2	♐ 16	□ ♄ ☉. ♄ rises 10 32	0 5	33	6 27	1 47
Monday	3 Hildegarde	" 2; 3: 1–4	7 32	♑ 0	☿ in Aph lion ☌ ☽ ☿	1 5	34	6 26	2 35
Tuesday	4 Ida	" 3: 5; 4	8 0	♑ 15	Sirius rises 2 46	1 5	35	6 25	3 24
Wednesday	5 John Mollio	Philemon	8 30	♑ 29	☽ in apo. ♄ rises 11 50	2 5	36	6 24	4 10
Thursday	6 Matthias Weibel	Philip 1: 1–26	9 12	♒ 13	Spica sets 7 41	2 5	37	6 23	4 51
Friday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 1: 27; 2	9 53	♒ 27	♃ rises 1 40	2 5	39	6 21	5 30
Saturday	8 Corbinian	" 3; 4:	10 42	♓ 11	♌. Orion rises 12 16	2 5	40	6 20	6 10
36] 16*th Sunday after Trinity.*		Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 38 min.*				
Sunday	9 Lorigi Paschall	1 Tim. 1	11 36	♓ 25	☾ 9 h. ♄ rises 10 1 ☋	3 5	41	6 19	5 55
Monday	10 Paul Separatus	" 2	morn.	♓ 9	Antares sets 9 30	3 5	43	9 17	7 26
Tuesday	11 John Brenz	" 3: 1–13	12 44	♓ 23	☿ gr. Elon. East	3 5	44	6 16	8 18
Wednesday	12 Dionys' Peloq'n	" 3:14; 4:10	1 46	♈ 6	☿ sets 7 0	4 5	45	6 15	9 20
Thursday	13 Wm. Farel	" 4:11; 5:16	2 49	♈ 20	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	4 5	47	6 13	10 26
Friday	14 Cyprian	" 5: 17	3 54	♉ 3	♃ rises 1 18	5 5	48	6 12	11 30
Saturday	15 Ar. V. Grumb'h	" 6	4 59	♉ 16	♄ rises 11 41	5 5	49	6 11	12 29
37] 17*th Sunday after Trinity.*		Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–16.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 20 min.*				
Sunday	16 Euphemia	Titus 1	☽ rise	♉ 29	☽ 16th. ☌ ♃ ☉.	5 5	50	6 10	1 28
Monday	17 Lambert	" 2	6 25	♊ 11	☌. ♀ ♃. Altair south 8 4	6 5	52	6 8	2 22
Tuesday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	" 3	7 1	♊ 23	Orion rises 11 37	6 5	53	6 7	3 14
Wednesday	19 *Emberday*	2 Tim. 1	7 41	♋ 5	☽ in per. ♃ rises 1 2	6 5	54	6 6	3 54
Thursday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 2	8 35	♋ 17	☌ ♀ ☉ superior ♌	7 5	56	6 4	4 40
Friday	21 Matthew	" 3	9 25	♋ 29	☌ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 9 26	7 5	57	6 3	5 30
Saturday	22 Mauritius	" 4	10 23	♌ 11	♄ stationary	7 5	59	6 1	4 12
38] 18*th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 0 min.*				
Sunday	23 5 Mar. of Gen'a	Heb. 1	11 21	♌ 23	☾ 23d. ☉ enters ♒ Day and Night equal.	8 6	0	6 0	6 51
Monday	24 John J. Moser	" 2	morn.	♍ 5	☌ ☽ ♄. Autumn commences. ♎	8 6	1	5 59	7 39
Tuesday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 3; 4	12 15	♍ 17	☌ ☾ ♃. ♄ rises 11 20	8 6	2	5 58	8 21
Wednesday	26 Lioba	" 5	1 15	♍ 29	♃ rises 12 41	9 6	4	5 56	9 1
Thursday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 6	2 13	♎ 12	7* rises 7 56	9 6	5	5 55	9 42
Friday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 7	3 14	♎ 25	Fomal south 10 30	9 6	7	5 53	10 31
Saturday	29 St Michael	" 8	4 14	♏ 10	♄ rises 8 58	10 6	8	5 52	11 32
39] 19*th Sunday after Trinity*		Matt. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32.			*Day's Length, 11 hours, 40 min.*				
Sunday	30 Jerome	Heb. 9: 1–14	5 18	♏ 24	Procyon rises 12 47	10 6	10	5 50	12 30

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	1st,	9 o'clock,	13 min.,	morning.
First Quarter,	9th,	1 "	36 "	afternoon.
Full Moon,	16th,	4 "	40 "	afternoon
Last Quarter	23d,	7 "	49 "	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, thunder showers; 9, 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, warm; 18, 19, sultry; 20, 21, storm; 22, 23, cloudy; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, stormy; 29, 30, fair.

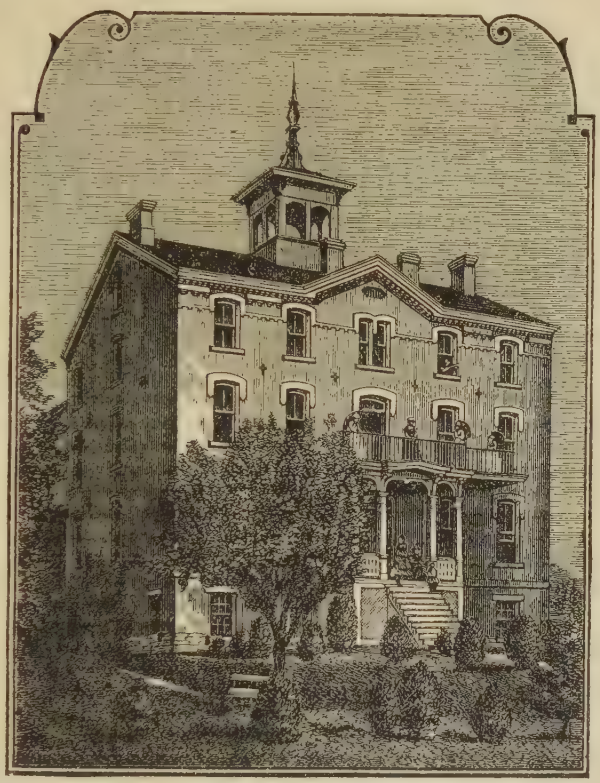
(♀) Venus is in Inferior conjunction with the Sun the 20th. Passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.

GREENSBURG SEMINARY.

THIS Institution was founded March 3d, 1874, by the Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church. It is located at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa. The object of this School is to afford the advantages of higher education to the daughters of the Reformed Church. It is a Church School and aims especially to subserve the educational interests of the Reformed Church, whilst at the same time it labors to promote the interest of Christian education generally. The course of study is broad and comprehensive, including all the branches of a liberal education for young ladies. Special attention is given to Music and Art Studies.

Young ladies completing the prescribed course of Studies, will be awarded Diplomas of graduation. The government of the Institution is mild but firm.

As a Church School special atttention is paid to the moral and religious training of the pupils.



GREENSBURG FEMALE SEMINARY.

The above cut shows the front, and part of the side view of the Seminary Building. The front of the main building is fifty feet and the entire depth is ninety. It has sufficient capacity to accommodate forty boarding, and a large chapel and class rooms for one hundred and fifty scholars.

The Institution has been well patronized from the beginning. The number of pupils in attendance during the last year was about one hundred. It is to be hoped that the daughters of our Reformed families will avail themselves of the advantages it affords them in the future, still more than in the past. The Institution needs only the encouragement and support of the Church to accomplish a great and good work.

In 1879, it was thought best also to open a Male Department in connection with the Seminary. It was, however, not intended by this step, in any respect, to interfere with the original design of the Institution, as a Female Seminary. The provisions for this department are distinct and separate, and are intended also to afford the advantages of a High School education to young men.

The course of study is similar to that of our best colleges, and may be pursued with profit and advantage by the pupil to the Junior year. The Institution has been well sustained, and promises to do a good work for education.

Rev. Lucian Cort is the President, assisted by a corps of seven well qualified teachers.

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CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

LITTLE progress can be made in Missionary work without Church buildings. The collection for this fund goes to aid in the erection of new churches in Missionary fields. Let it not be forgotten or omitted in the regular benevolent contributions. Often the success or failure of a Mission, is determined by the matter of a little aid in erecting the first house of worship. For some years this fund has been partially neglected. Let it be revived and replenished by regular collections in all our churches.

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WHAT MIGHT BE DONE.

IF every confirmed member of the Church would give only fifty cents a year to benevolent purposes, our Boards would have over $80,000 annually, to distribute! Every congregation, however poor, ought to contribute something for purposes of general benevolence.

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WHAT OUGHT TO BE DONE.

LOOK over the Catalogue of Publications of the Church, found in this Almanac, and such of them as you have not, send for! It will do you and your children good, to have them and read them.

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☞ Do you take your Church Paper? If not, subscribe at once, and be a life-long subscriber for it.

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Philad. h. m.
Monday	1 Remigius	Heb. 9: 15	☽ sets	♌ 9	1st. ☽ ☌ ☿ . ♀	♓ 10 6	11 5	49	1 27
Tuesday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 10: 1–18	6 30	♌ 23	♃ rises 12 15	11 6	12 5	48	2 10
Wednesday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 10: 19	7 9	♍ 8	☽ in apo. ♄ rises 11 8	11 6	14 5	46	2 52
Thursday	4 Franciscus	" 11	7 53	♍ 23	☊ . ♄ rises 8 37	11 6	15 5	45	3 40
Friday	5 Petro Carnesec.	" 12	8 44	♎ 7	7* rises 7 26	12 6	16 5	44	4 22
Saturday	6 Henry Albert	" 13	9 31	♎ 22	☌ ☿ ☉ Inferior	12 6	18 5	42	5 12

40] 20*th Sunday after Trinity.* Matthew 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 22 *min.*

Sunday	7 Theodore Beza	Prov. 1: 2	10 43	♎ 6	♄ rises 8 29	♒ 12 6	19 5	41	5 55
Monday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 3	11 52	♎ 20	Sirius rises 12 41	12 6	20 5	40	6 42
Tuesday	9 Diony. the Aro.	" 4	morn.	♏ 4	9th. Orion rises 10 23	13 6	21 5	39	7 31
Wednesday	10 Justus Jonas	" 5; 6: 1–19	12 59	♏ 17	♃ rises 11 43	13 6	23 5	37	8 22
Thursday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 6: 20; 7	2 10	♏ 0	7* rises 7 4	13 6	24 5	36	9 11
Friday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 8	3 4	♐ 13	♄ rises 8 11	13 6	25 5	35	9 57
Saturday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 9	3 56	♐ 25	♄ rises 10 59	14 6	26 5	34	10 42

41] 21*st Sunday after Trinity.* John 4: 46–54; Eph. 6: 10–20. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 4 *min.*

Sunday	14 Nich. Ridley	Prov. 10: 11	4 40	♑ 7	Aldebaran rises 8 21	14 6	28 5	32	11 33
Monday	15 Aurelia	" 12: 13	5 32	♑ 20	☿ stationary ☊.	14 6	29 5	31	12 31
Tuesday	16 Gallus	" 14: 15	☽ rise	♒ 2	16th. ☽ in per. ☽ Eclipsed visible.	14 6	31 5	29	1 26
Wednesday	17 Rev. Edi. of Nan.	" 16: 17	6 22	♒ 13	☿ in Perihelion	15 6	32 5	28	1 59
Thursday	18 *St. Luke Ev.*	" 18: 19	7 3	♒ 25	♃ rises 11 22	15 6	33 5	27	2 44
Friday	19 Bruno	" 20; 21; 22 1–16	7 48	♓ 7	☌ ☽ ♄ . ☌ ♄ ♃	15 6	35 5	25	3 36
Saturday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 22: 17; 23: 24	8 36	♓ 19	♄ rises 7 40	15 6	36 5	24	4 29

42] 22*d Sunday after Trinity.* Matthew 18: 21–35; Phil. 1: 3–7. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	21 Hilarion	Prov. 25; 26	9 26	♓ 1	☉ enters ♏	15 6	37 5	23	5 33
Monday	22 Hedwig	" 27	10 19	♓ 13	22d. ☿ gr. Elong. West.	15 6	38 5	22	6 19
Tuesday	23 Henry Martin	" 28; 29	11 18	♓ 25	☿ rises 5 54 ☽ ☌ ♃ ♄ .	16 6	39 5	21	7 9
Wednesday	24 Aretas	" 30; 31	morn.	♈ 8	♄ rises 10 46	16 6	41 5	19	7 59
Thursday	25 John Herz	Song of Sol. 1; 2; 3	12 20	♈ 21	♀ sets 5 40 Eve. Star.	16 6	42 5	18	8 50
Friday	26 Frederick III	" 4; 5	1 24	♉ 4	♃ rises 11 8	16 6	43 5	17	9 41
Saturday	27 Frumentius	" 6; 7; 8	2 30	♉ 18	□ ♃ ☉ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	16 6	44 5	16	10 30

43] 23*d Sunday after Trinity.* Matthew 22: 15–22; Phil. 3: 17–21. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 28 *min.*

Sunday	28 Simon and Jude	Eccl. 1; 2	3 44	♉ 2	♄ rises 7 14	16 6	46 5	14	11 25
Monday	29 Alfred the Great	" 3; 4; 5; 6: 1–9	5 0	♉ 17	☌ ☽ ☿ . 7* south 1 24	16 6	47 5	13	12 20
Tuesday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 6: 10; 7: 8: 1–15	☽ sets	♉ 2	30th. ☽ in apo.	16 6	48 5	12	1 16
Wednesday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 8: 16; 9; 10; 11; 12	5 50	♉ 17	☌ ☽ ♀ . ☊	16 6	49 5	11	1 56

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	1st,	12	o'clock,	53	min., morning.
First Quarter,	9th,	5	"	18	" morning.
Full Moon,	16th,	1	"	41	" morning.
Last Quarter,	22d,	6	"	17	" evening.
New Moon,	30th,	6	"	55	" evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, 10, stormy-cold; 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, cloudy, 17, 18; rain; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, cloudy, 26, 27, rain; 28, 29, 30, clear; 31, pleasant.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

When Marshall College was removed from Mercersburg, Pa., to Lancaster, Pa., the buildings belonging to the College were, after passing through several hands, purchased by Mercersburg Classis. And in the fall of 1866 Mercersburg College was organized with Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., as President. In time Dr. Apple resigned to accept a Professorship in the Theological Seminary, also then removed from Mercersburg to Lancaster, and Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D., became his successor.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

After the removal of the Seminary, the College obtained a lease for ninety-nine years of the Seminary buildings. Since then they have been the principal buildings of the Institution—a picture of which accompanies this sketch. After several years of prosperity, for some reason or other it began to decline and finally was obliged to suspend operations. The Synod of the Potomac having before this taken it under its care—the Board of Regents elected by it, resolved to revive it again, and in the fall of 1881 it was again reopened under the Principalship of Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D. Since then it has shown flattering evidences of again receiving a full share of patronage, and bids fair to take its place amid the prosperous Institutions of the Church.

Mercersburg and its advantages are too well-known for us to say anything further. There is no reason why it should not, as *of old*, be thronged with students in attendance upon its College.

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MINISTERS WANTED.

Only a few years ago some supposed that the Church had more ministers than it really needed, and not much encouragement was given to young men studying for the ministry. As a result of this feeling, and other causes, no doubt, the number of candidates for the ministry has been gradually diminished. The same is the case, it seems, in other churches. All this has become changed, however, so far, at least, as the Reformed Church is concerned. There is an urgent call for more ministers. This is owing, to some extent, to the activity put forth in the cause of missions. Young men are needed to take charge of mission stations. This is at present the pressing need of the Church. Moreover, our older ministers are retiring from the work, some by reason of age and infirmities, and some are taken away by death. New charges are being formed by dividing old ones. The Church could engage a considerable number more of ministers at the present time. The way to meet this want is to seek out proper young men, and encourage and assist them to study for the ministry, where there is need. The very best talent and the very best preparation, however, are needed. The Lord calls for the best.

WHY CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH.

The principal fault lies with parents themselves. There is too little home-discipline of any sort now-a-days.

A child who does not want to go to church is permitted to stay at home without any good reason. He "does not want to go;" he "does not see the use;" he "will not go." And so parents allow their children to do as they please. Not, indeed, in reference to the public school are they permitted to choose for themselves. To that they must go, whether they wish to or not. And so they go on. Parents are not afraid to prejudice their children in regard to their secular studies, but when attendance at preaching is in question there is no parental authority or at least there is the largest degree of laxity. Verily parents are responsible for the absence of the children from the pews on Sunday morning. Let a man resolve that his family shall be at church, and they will be there. It is not merely authority that is needed at home, but an appeal to the child's conscience.

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A Thing that is Wrong:—To dedicate a church to God before it is paid for. How can it be given to God when it is mortgaged to men, or partly at least under claim? All debts are bad things; and church debts are the worst of all.

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h.	m.	Sun sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h.	m.
Thursday	1	All Saints	Esther 1; 2; 3; 4	46	36	♐	2	□ ♄ ☉. ♄ rises 10 26 ♓	16	6	51	5	9	2	42
Friday	2	Victorinus	" 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10	7	32	♐	17	♀ sets 5 35	16	6	52	5	8	3	29
Saturday	3	Pirminus	Psalm 93	8	36	♑	2	Sirius rises 11 8 ♒	16	6	53	5	7	4	10
44]		*4th Sunday before Advent.*	Matt. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14.					*Day's Length, 10 hours, 12 min.*							
Sunday	4	John A. Bengel	John 21: 1–23	9	29	♑	16	♃ rises 10 30	16	6	54	5	6	4	44
Monday	5	Hans Egede	1 John 1: 2	10	18	♒	0	♄ rises 6 36	16	6	55	5	5	5	32
Tuesday	6	Gustav. Adolph's	" 3	11	8	♒	14	Orion rises 8 36	16	6	56	5	4	6	12
Wednesday	7	Willibrord	" 4	morn.		♒	27	7th. Wega sets 12 28	16	6	57	5	3	6	49
Thursday	8	Willehad	" 5	12	12	♓	10	Arctur south 6 28	16	6	58	5	2	7	34
Friday	9	John v. Staupitz	2 John	1	21	♓	22	♄ rises 10 10	16	6	59	5	1	8	30
Saturday	10	Martin Luther	3 "	2	32	♈	5	♀ sets 5 37	16	7	0	5	0	9	28
45]		*3d Sunday before Advent.*	Matt. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18.					*Day's Length, 9 hours, 58 min.*							
Sunday	11	Martin of Tours	Rev. 1	3	40	♈	17	♃ rises 10 0	16	7	14	59	10	26	
Monday	12	Phil. de Mornay	" 2	4	41	♈	29	♆ Neptune ☉.	16	7	34	57	11	24	
Tuesday	13	Arcadius	" 3	5	42	♉	11	☊. Fomal south 7 34	15	7	44	56	12	23	
Wednesday	14	Pet. Mart. Vern	" 4: 5: 6	☽ rise		♉	23	14th. ☽ in per.	15	7	54	55	1	22	
Thursday	15	John Kepler	" 7:8:9:1–12	5	40	♊	4	♂ ☽ ♄. ♄ rises 5 46	15	7	64	54	1	59	
Friday	16	Casp. Creuziger	" 9:13;10;11	6	27	♊	16	♁ rises 10 10	15	7	74	53	2	31	
Saturday	17	Bernward	" 12: 13	7	18	♊	28	Rigel 8 7 ♋	15	7	84	52	3	16	
46]		*2d Sunday before Advent.*	Matt. 25: 31–46; 2 Thess. 1: 3–10.					*Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min.*							
Sunday	18	Greg. Illuminat.	Rev. 14: 1–13	8	11	♋	10	♀ sets 5 39	15	7	84	52	3	54	
Monday	19	Elizab. of Hesse	" 14: 14–20	9	6	♋	22	♂ ☽ ♃. ♃ rises 9 36	14	7	94	51	4	46	
Tuesday	20	John Williams	" 15	9	59	♌	4	♂ ☽ ♁. ♁ rises 9 52	14	7	104	50	5	38	
Wednesday	21	Columbanus	" 16: 1–8	10	59	♌	17	21st. ♃ stationary	14	7	114	49	6	31	
Thursday	22	J. Oecolampadius	" 16: 11–21	morn.		♍	0	☉ enters ♐	14	7	124	48	7	20	
Friday	23	Clemens Roman	" 17	12	12	♍	13	☿* south 11 45	13	7	134	47	8	14	
Saturday	24	John Knox	" 18	1	28	♍	26	♄ south 12 0	13	7	144	46	9	4	
47]		*1st Sunday before Advent.*	Matt. 25: 1–13; 2 Peter 3: 3–14.					*Day's Length, 9 hours, 30 min.*							
Sunday	25	Catharine	Rev. 19: 1–10	2	39	♎	10	♁ rises 9 42	13	7	154	45	9	45	
Monday	26	Conrad	" 19; 11; 20: 1–3	3	50	♎	25	☽ in apo. ♂ ☿ ☉ Superior	12	7	154	45	10	34	
Tuesday	27	Marg't Blaurer	" 20: 4–15	5	4	♏	10	☊. ♀ sets 5 46	12	7	164	44	11	24	
Wednesday	28	Alex. Roussel	" 21: 1–18	6	6	♏	25	♂ ♄ ☉. ♃ rises 9 5	12	7	174	43	12	20	
Thursday	29	Satarinus	" 21: 9; 22	☽ set.		♐	10	29th. ♂ ☽ ♃	11	7	184	42	1	17	
Friday	30	St. Andrew	Psalm 96	6	0	♐	25	☿ in Aphelion ♑	11	7	184	42	2	2	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 6 o'clock, 45 min., morning.
Full Moon, 13th, 10 " 27 " evening.
Last Quarter, 21st, 3 " 7 " morning.
New Moon, 29th, 7 " 58 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, cold; 12, 13, pleasant; 14, 15, 16, mild; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, moderate; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, rain; 28, 29, moderate fair; 30, variable.

(♄.) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 28th, and shines all night.

First Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

The engraving represents the first building erected by the Reformed Church as a place of worship, within the original limits of Philadelphia. The upper portion of the structure, including the vane, cupola and a section of the hipped roof, as it appeared from Camden, is shown in Scull and Heap's Map, published in 1753–4, from which this sketch has been restored.

The congregation was organized by the Rev. George Michael Weiss at, or near, the time of his landing with his colony of Palatines on Sept. 21st, 1727. But Rev. Michael Schlatter was pastor at the time the Hexagonal Church was built, from whose record we derive the following facts:

"From November, 1734, the congregation, had worshipped in an old, small frame house, alternating each Sabbath with the Lutheran Congregation. But after the Evangelicals (i. e. Lutherans) had built their stone church in 1744, the Reformed worshipped alone, and paid Wm. Allen the sum of £4 yearly, for the above named church-house on Arch street, adjacent to the Quaker burial-ground."

On December 6th, 1747, he writes: "On the Second Advent Sunday, St. Nicholas Day, the writer, Michael Schlatter, minister here, for the first time preached in the new six-cornered Reformed Church, in the Race-place, from Psalm 65: 4. But the Church was not yet plastered, and had neither gallery nor window."

The "six-cornered" Church was removed and a large brick structure substitued in its place in 1772–4. In 1837, the second church was taken down and a third building erected, vacated by the congregation in July 30th, 1882.

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Note This.—The Board of Publication will send "The Messenger" to any one for three years for $5.60, if paid in *advance*.

Upon payment of $100 it will send it to the subscriber and one more of his family for *life*.

BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME.

This institution was founded on September 21, 1863. On this day Rev. Emanuel Boeringer took a poor orphan into his humble dwelling in Southwark, Philadelphia. It was an act of simple faith. Poor in this world's goods, it was all he could do. From this small beginning, in less than twenty years, grew our present Bethany Orphans' Home. Other orphans soon sought and found a home with him, and kind friends helped to provide for them.

On July 13, 1864, the Home was removed to Bridesburg, Philadelphia, where a building was bought for its use. On October 1, 1867, the Home was removed to Womelsdorf, Pa. On November 11, 1881, its large building here was totally destroyed by fire. During 1882 a new three-story brick building was erected in its place. This contains a chapel and room sufficient to accommodate at least 150 orphans. The new building is lighted with gas, and heated with steam. Having now this commodious building, the Board of Managers desires to fill it with the fatherless, provided the Church will furnish the needed means of support. Contributions can be sent to W. D. Gross, Box 2147, Philadelphia, and to Rev. D. B. Albright, Womelsdorf, Pa. In the wording of bequests to the Home, care should be taken to bequeath to *W. D. Gross, Treasurer of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.*, for the use of the said Home. A number of legacies intended for the Home have been lost on account of the defective wording of wills.

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A Fact.—Every pastor will notice the marked difference between families in which the Church papers are read, and such that do not take them. Those who read them are acquainted with all that is going on in the Church, and are ready to help forward every good work. Do you, reader, take your Church paper? If not, subscribe for it at once. You do not know what you lose by being without it.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Eligius	Psalm 145	6 35	10	♂ ☽ ☿ . ☿ sets 6 2	11	7 19	4 41	2 43
48] 1*st Sunday in Advent.*		Matt. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 11–14.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.*				
Sunday	2 John Ruysbruck	John 1: 1–14	7 23	24	♄ rises 9 30	10	7 19	4 41	3 30
Monday	3 Gerhard Groot	Gen. 2: 4–25	8 18	9	♃ rises 8 45	10	7 20	4 40	4 6
Tuesday	4 Gerh. v Zütphan	Matt. 19: 1–12	9 16	23	♄ south 11 30	9	7 20	4 40	4 44
Wednesday	5 Crispin	Eph. 5: 22–33	10 10	6	7* south 10 58	9	7 21	4 39	5 22
Thursday	6 Nicholas	1 Cor. 7	11 16	19	Sirius rises 8 45	9	7 21	4 39	6 18
Friday	7 Paulus Odontius	Gen. 3	morn.	1	7th. Orion rises 6 25	8	7 22	4 38	7 19
Saturday	8 Mart. Rinkard	" 8: 15; 9: 17	12 30	14	☿ sets 6 10	8	7 22	4 38	8 20
49] 2*d Sunday in Advent.*		Luke 21: 25–33; Rom. 15; 4–13.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday	9 Benj. Schmolk	Acts 17: 15–34	1 45	26	Rigel rises 6 30	7	7 23	4 37	9 21
Monday	10 Paul Eber	Gen. 15	2 59	7	☊. ♂ rises 9 18	7	7 23	4 37	10 25
Tuesday	11 Hen. v. Zütphen	Deut. 5	4 10	19	☽ rises 8 18	6	7 24	4 36	11 16
Wednesday	12 Vicelin	Ex. 12	5 26	1	☿ in per. ☿ in Aphelion. ♂ ☽ ♄	6	7 24	4 36	12 14
Thursday	13 Odilia	Deut. 27	☽ rise	13	13th. ♄ south 11 4	5	7 24	4 36	1 12
Friday	14 Dioscorus	Rom. 7	5 36	25	Regulus nises 9 51	5	7 25	4 35	1 52
Saturday	15 Christiana	Lev't. 16	6 46	7	☿ sets 6 18	5	7 25	4 35	2 39
50] 3*d Sunday in Advent.*		Matt. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	16 Adelheid	Isa. 40; John 5	7 56	19	♂ ☽ ☿ . ☿ rises 7 50	4	7 25	4 35	3 26
Monday	17 Sturm	1 Peter 1: 3–12	8 44	1	Altair sets 8 28	4	7 25	4 35	4 12
Tuesday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	2 Sam. 7	9 33	14	♂ ☽ ♄ . ♄ rises 9 8	3	7 25	4 35	4 53
Wednesday	19 *Emberday*	Joel 3	10 12	26	♄ south 10 44	3	7 25	4 35	5 41
Thursday	20 Abraham	Jer. 23	11 10	9	□ ♄ ☉. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	2	7 25	4 35	6 33
Friday	21 Thomas	" 31	morn.	22	21st. ☉ enters ♑ Shortest Day.	2	7 26	4 34	7 21
Saturday	22 Hugh McKail	Isa. 52: 13; 53	12 12	6	Winter commences	1	7 25	4 35	7 57
51] 4*th Sunday in Advent.*		John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	23 Anna dü Bourg	John 3: 23–36	1 22	20	☿ sets 6 24	1	7 25	4 35	8 40
Monday	24 Adam and Eve	Isaiah 11: 1–10	2 31	4	☽ in apo. ♄ stationary	sun 7	25	4 35	9 20
Tuesday	25 *Christmas*	Isaiah 9: 2–7	3 40	18	☊. ♂ rises 8 58	slo. 7	25	4 35	9 59
Wednesday	26 Stephen	Isaiah 41	4 46	3	♃ rises 7 21	1	7 25	4 35	10 44
Thursday	27 St. John Evang.	" 49	5 34	18	♄ south 10 16	1	7 25	4 35	11 34
Friday	28 Innocents	Rom. 8	6 10	3	Sirius south 12 8	2	7 25	4 35	12 27
Saturday	29 David	1 Cor. 8: 1–6	☽ sets	18	29th. Fomal sets 8 18	2	7 24	4 36	1 23
52] *Sunday after Christmas.*		Matt. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*				
Sunday	30 Christ'n of Wurtemberg	Rom. 5; Col. 1	6 12	3	7* south 9 2	3	7 24	4 36	1 58
Monday	31 John Wiclif	Psalm 90; 103	7 20	17	☽ ♂ ☿ . ☿ . ☿ sets 6 40	3	7 24	4 36	2 39

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 6 o'clock, 45 min., morning.
Full Moon, 13th, 10 " 27 " evening.
Last Quarter, 21st, 3 " 7 " morning.
First Quarter, 29th, 7 " 58 " morning

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, cloudy; 9, snow; 10 11, N. W., 12, 13, 14, 15, moderate; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, rain and snow; 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, mild; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, snow; 28, 29, 30, cold; 31, variable.

HOLY CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS always comes on the 25th of December. This is the day which celebrates the birth of Christ. Blessed things does it bring before us to think of:—The Angels that heralded His birth, the "babe Divine" born in a stable and cradled in the manger. It is a Christian Festal Day. The churches should be appropriately decorated, as well as the houses, with evergreens. Services should be held, with Christmas hymns, prayers, and preaching, in the churches. Thus it will be kept sacredly, which is right. And it is the Children's holiday. Good children will receive nice presents from their kind parents. They will be found on Christmas morning around the Christmas-tree. This is a beautiful custom! Do not forget, kind fathers and mothers to prepare this great joy for your children! Children, in receiving your gifts, do not forget Him who is the great Gift!

A "Merry Christmas" to all!

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

At last Thou art come, little Saviour
And Thine angels fill midnight with song;
Thou art come to us, gentle Creator,
Whom Thy creatures here sighed for so long.

Thou art come to Thy beautiful Mother;
She has looked on Thy beautiful face;
Thou art come to us, Maker of Mary,
And she was Thy channel of grace.

Thou hast brought with Thee plentiful pardon,
And our souls overflow with delight;
Our hearts are half broken, dear Jesus,
With the joy of this wonderful night.

Thou art come, Thou art come, child of Mary,
Yet we hardly believe Thou art come;
It seems such a wonder to have Thee;
New Brother, with us in our home.

Thou wilt stay with us, Master and Maker,
Thou wilt stay with us now evermore;
We will play with Thee, beautiful Brother,
On eternity's Jubilant shore.

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THE LORD'S TREASURY.

AND Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And He called unto Him His disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living. Mark xii. 41–44.

If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 2 Cor. viii. 12.

THE CHURCH HAS NEED OF MONEY for the following objects:—

1. In aid of the SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND WIDOWS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

2. In aid of FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN JAPAN AND INDIA.

3. In aid of HOME MISSIONS, GENERAL, TRI-SYNODIC BOARD AND BOARDS OF THE OTHER SYNODS.

4. In aid of the ORPHAN HOMES, at Womelsdorf and Butler, Pa.

5. In aid of THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, Philadelphia, Pa., for the publication of Books and Tracts.

Collections for all the above worthy objects should be statedly and regularly lifted, and those possessed with the ability, to a greater or less degree, should give of what they have to spare to the same. The good that thereby may be done, can by no means, be estimated.

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MINISTERS' SALARIES.

They should be adequate. The laborer is worthy of his hire. A minister cannot labor efficiently if he is over-burdened with care in regard to his pecuniary wants. They should be paid promptly and regularly. A debt to the minister accumulating from year to year will prove a serious injury to the congregation, and may be the means of bringing upon it serious calamity. As an individual shrinks from incurring debt, so a congregation should sacredly avoid it in relation to their pastor. A pastor does not do a favor, but rather an injury to his congregation, by allowing his salary to remain in part unpaid from year to year. The Classes also should look after this matter carefully in the yearly parochial reports of their pastors. Even if the minister is satisfied when his salary is not fully paid, the Classes should not acquiesce and silently pass it over.

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THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR.

Yes, we have reached the close of another year. How have we spent its days and hours, and made use of its privileges and opportunities? When there shall be no more years, then will the answer be given.

THE PROGRESS OF THE PEACE MEASURE.

What is known as the *Peace Measure*, was inaugurated the meeting of the General Synod, held in the 1st eformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., in May, 1878. This easure provided for the appointment of a Peace Com- ission, consisitng of twenty-four members, appointed cording to a certain ratio by the different district Synods. his Commission held a meeting in Harrisburg in Novem- er, 1879, and after a number of sessions finally adopted *Peace Basis*, unanimously, which was then submitted the General Synod which convened in Tiffin, Ohio, in ay, 1881. This Synod unanimously adopted the Peace asis. The portion of the Basis that related to Doctrine as finally disposed of by the adoption of certain articles. he part relating to Cultus was referred back to the iginal Peace Commission, with instruction to prepare a urgy for the whole Church. The Peace Commission us became a Liturgical Commission, and at once pro- eeded to appoint a sub-committee, consisting of nine embers, to whom was committed the work of prepar- g a liturgy. This committee consists of Drs. Weiser, ho was elected president, F. W. Kremer, S. N. Cal- nder, J. H. Good, T. G. Apple, J. Külling, J. M. Titzel, . Greding and Hon. L. H. Steiner, M. D.

The sub-committee held their first meeting in the Re- rmed Church, Frederick, Md., in November, 1881, a cond meeting in Tabor Chapel, of the 1st Reformed hurch, Lebanon, Pa., in April, 1882, and a third meet- g in the Reformed Church, Altoona, in August, 1882. Although the proceedings of the committee are not ade public, yet it has been allowed to be announced at they have completed their work, and unanimously lopted a liturgy, which in due time will be submitted, rst to the General Commission, and through it to the eneral Synod, to convene in Baltimore in May, 1884. hus it would seem that the portion of the Peace Mea- re, relating to Cultus is in a fair way of being finally ttled.

The portion pertaining to Church Government, is in e form of a revised Constitution, which was submitted the General Synod at Tiffin, and which has been re- rred by the General Synod, for examination, to the veral Classes. As we understand it, the General nod at Tiffin finally disposed of the Peace Measure in animously adopting it. Its success does not depend on the successful carrying out of the work on Cultus d Church Government. Whatever becomes of these, e Peace Measure stands, with the unanimous endorse- ent of the highest judicatory in the Church. Yet it is matter of interest to know, as above stated, that there a fair prospect of a successful setlement in regard to new Liturgy and a revised Constitution for the Church. ray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that ve thee.

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☞ The Lord has done much for you, what have *you* ne for Him and His?

FORM FOR BEQUESTS.

In making a bequest to one or more benevolent objects, it is important that a proper form be used; otherwise the intent of the testator may be defeated. Hence we suggest the following:

"I give and bequeath to the 'Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of———dollars; to 'Franklin and Marshall College,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Elder W. H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa., is at present Treasurer, the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of———dollars; to the Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Rev. Charles G. Fisher is at present Treasurer, the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac,' of which Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is at present Treasurer, the sum of——— dollars; to the 'Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod,' of which Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher is at present Treasurer, the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located in Philadelphia, Pa., the sum of ———dollars; to the 'Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of———dollars; to 'Bethany Orphans' Home,' located at Womelsdorf, Pa., the sum of——— dollars and to 'St. Paul's Orphans' Home,' located at Butler, Pa., the sum of———dollars;—the several sums thus bequeathed to be used by the respective associations for the general purposes of their organization.

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RECOGNITION OF FRIENDS.

This story is told of a clergyman: After preaching a well prepared sermon on the "Recognition of Friends in Heaven," he was accosted by a hearer, who said: "I liked that sermon; and I now wish you would preach another on the recognition of people in this world. I have been attending your church three years, and not five persons in the congregation have so much as bowed to me in all that time."

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The Church has a Book Store in Philadelphia at which libraries for Sunday-schools can be procured. They can be had there at as low cost as elsewhere. It is your Church's store, and your Church receives the benefit in the way of the little profit it makes upon the books sold. It is not right to give that profit to others outside of your Church. Remember this when you want a library.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1881, TO AUGUST 31st, 1882.

1881.

September 7.—Dedication of the Reformed Church, Rev. D. P. Lefevre, Pastor, Imogene, Iowa.

September 8.—Mercersburg College reopened with Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., as Principal.

September 11.—Corner Stone of Reformed Church, Rev. S. T. Wagner, Pastor, laid at Hyndman, Bedford Co., Pa. . . . Death of Prof. O. A. S. Hursh, Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O.

September 18.—Dedication of Salem Reformed Church, Rev. G. A. Whitmore, Pastor, St. John's Charge, Armstrong Co., Pa.

October 5.—Annual Meeting of Synod of Pittsburg, Greensburg, Pa. . . . Annual Meeting of Synod of Ohio, Miamisburg, O. . . . Annual Meeting of Synod of Northwest, Chicago, Ills.

October 9.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. H. Beck, Pastor, New Berlin, O.

October 13.—Laying of Corner-stone of Grace Mission Chapel, Rev. C. F. Sontag, Pastor, Washington, D. C.

October 19.—Annual Meeting of Synod of United States, Danville, Pa. . . . Annual Meeting of Synod of Potomac, Waynesboro, Pa.

October 20.—Laying Corner-stone of Reformed Church, Rev. J. M. Souder, Pastor, Newcastle, Pa.

November 3.—Organization of new Synod (German) named Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Galion, O.

November 5.—Rededication of Reformed Church, Rev. J. C. Bowman, Pastor, Shepherdstown, W. Va. . . .

November 11.—Burning of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa. . . . Rededication of Reformed Church, Rev. P. Y. Schelly, Pastor, Hamburg, Pa.

November 27.—Dedication of Second Reformed Church, Rev. J. W. Love, Pastor, Greensburg, Pa.

November 20.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. D. R. Taylor, Pastor, Miami City, O.

November 28.—Death of Lic. W. H. S. Lecron, Waynesboro', Pa.

December 10.—Laying Corner-stone Reformed Church, Rev. B. R. Carnahan, Pastor, Timberville, Va.

December 11.—Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., Reading, Pa., resigns as Editor of "The Guardian." . . . Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., elected as Editor of the same.

December 18.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. J. M. Andrews, Pastor, Kilgore, O.

December 21.—Illustrated Christmas Number of "The Messenger," issued.

December 23.—Inauguration of Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., as President of Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa.

December 25.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. C. M. Schaaf, Pastor, Paradise, O.

December 28.—"The Messenger" closes its Fiftieth Volume.

1882.

January 1.—Dedication of Zion's Reformed Church, Glade Charge, Rev. S. M. Hench, Pastor, Frederick Co., Md.

January 14.—Death of Rev. William Gilpin, Broke Sword, O.

February 12.—Dedication of Chapel, Salem Reformed Church, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, Pastor, Harrisburg, Pa.

February 20.—Celebration of 79th birthday of Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., and the 80th of Rev. J. C. Fritchey, of Lancaster, Pa., by the members of Lancaster Classis, and their many friends in the vicinity.

February 26.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. N. Peightel, Pastor, Pattonville, Bedford Co., Pa.

March 12.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. S. H. Schafer, Pastor, Milton, Pa.

March 20.—Offer of a Premium of Twenty Dollars for best Tract of 1,500 words on "The Reformed Church in the United States," by Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Supt. of Reformed Church Pub. Bd., 907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

April 2.—Death of Rev. J. M. Lefevre, St. Paris, O.

April 9, *Easter*.—Laying of the Corner-stone of Grace Mission Chapel, Rev. J. S. Vandersloot, Pastor, 10th and Dauphin Sts., Phila., Pa. . . . Dedication of Orphan's Home, "Tabitha Cumi," at Detroit, Mich. Opened with *three* orphans, Rev. L. Ziegler, Hausvater.

April 30.—Death of Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Frederick, Md. . . . Dedication of Grace Mission Chapel, Rev. C. F. Sontag, Pastor, Washington, D. C.

May 2.—Death of Rev. Henry K. Zink, Philippsburg, O.

May 11.—Commencement of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

May 18.—Laying Corner-stone of St. John's Reformed Church, Rev. Geo. B. Dechant, Pastor, Catawissa Pa.

May 21.—Dedication of Trinity Reformed Chapel, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Pastor, Frederick, Md.

May 24.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. S. T. Wagner, Pastor, Hyndman, Bedford Co., Pa.

May 25.—Laying of the Corner-stone of the new Bethany Orphans' Home, Rev. D. B. Albright, Supt. Womelsdorf, Pa.

May 31.—Death of Rev. Daniel Gring, York, Pa.

June 5.—Death of Rev. A. B. Caspar, New Berlin, Pa.

June 11.—First Service held by our Missionary in Japan Rev. A. D. Gring, and the first sermon preached by him in the Japanese language. He had twelve hearers.

June 12.—Laying of the Corner-stone of new First Reformed Church, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Pastor Greensburg, Pa.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS—Continued.

1882.

June 13.—Commencement of Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa.

June 14.—Resignation af T. F. Stauffer, Superintendent St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa. . . . Election of Rev. P. C. Prugh, Germantown, O., Superintendent of the same. . . . Commencement of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa.

June 19.—Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

June 21.—Commencement of Female Seminary, Greensburg, Pa.

June 25.—Commencement of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O.

June 29.—Commencement of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.

June 30.—Commencement of Female Seminary, Allentown, Pa.

July 2.—Laying Corner-stone of the new Church, Rev. D. F. Brendle. Pastor, New Williams Township, Northampton Co., Pa.

July 16.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. J. Hannabery, Pastor, Ridgley, Md. . . . Dedication of St. Peter's Reformed Church, Rev. J. G. Steinert, Pastor, Centre Point, Ind.

July 20.—Committee appointed to decide who is entitled to Premium of Twenty Dollars, for best Tract on "The Reformed Church in United States." Report in favor of the manuscript signed by "Melancthon."

July 30.—Last service held in the First Reformed Church, Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., Pastor, 4th and Race Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

August 6—Laying Corner-stone of new Church, Rev. R. Duenger, Pastor, at Ashland, Pa.

August 12.—Laying Corner-stone of new Church, Rev. C. H. Reiter, Pastor, near Shirleysburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa.

August 24.—Meeting of Reformed Churches of Mercer and Crawford Counties, Pa., at Conneaut Lake, Crawford Co., Pa.

August 31.—Picnic of the Sunday-schools of the Reformed Churches of the Cumberland Valley, Pa., at Mount Alto Park.

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YOUNG MEN FOR MISSIONARIES.

Now that the missionary field of the Reformed Church is extending so rapidly, the attention of young men preparing for the ministry should be directed in an especial way to devoting themselves to the missionary work. The new territory opening up has in it a great future for the Church. As it was in the labors of our early ministers in the East, so it will be with the pioneer laborers in the West. They lay the foundations for the future. With the rapid growth of the country the Church will share in the increase. Let our young men prepare themselves specially for this important work.

A CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

NAME.

Art. 1. This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Reformed Church and Sunday-school at ———— auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

OBJECT.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to awaken interest in the cause of Missions; to diffuse missionary intelligence, and to secure regular weekly contributions, for the support of missions in the Reformed Church.

OFFICERS.

Art. 3. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the period of one year, and may be re-elected at the option of the Society.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Art. 4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings, and attend to such duties as do not interfere with the relations of the pastor as President *ex-officio* and as hereafter defined.

Art. 5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the transactions of the Society, and a roll of the membership.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all monies received and disbursed, to pay out all monies as directed by the Society and to make a report to the Society at the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 7. The members of the Society shall consist of Sunday-school scholars and teachers, members of the Church and friends, who shall contribute at least one cent per week; and each member shall be furnished with a certificate of membership, provided by the Board of Missions, with the name of its officers attached and the seal of the Board.

MEETINGS.

Art. 8. There shall be monthly meetings of this Society either after divine services on Sunday, or at such other times as may be fixed on by resolution of the Society. These meetings, in connection with the transaction of business claiming attention, may be social or devotional as may seem best calculated to promote the object of the Society. At the end of the year a missionary festival shall be held, at which, among other things, the Treasurer's report shall be made, an annual report of the progress and success of the Society shall be read by the President, missionary addresses delivered, and such other exercises observed, as will tend to promote the cause of missions in the congregations.

FUNDS.

Art. 9. The funds of this Society shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, established by the three Synods of the Reformed Church, the Synod of the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Art. 10. A Standing Committee, of which the officers of the Society shall be members, shall consist of ten persons, who shall be elected annually by the Society. It shall be the duty of this Committee, to interest the Society in the work of missions, to secure the names of new members, and to carry out any instructions which may be given by the Society.

THE DUTIES OF THE PASTOR.

Art. 11. The pastor shall be President *ex-officio*, preside at the meetings of the Society, whenever he shall deem it necessary; conduct all religious services, and in his absence appoint some one for that purpose, assist the members by his counsel, and endeavor to secure the co-operation of the members of the congregation.

BY-LAWS.

Art. 12. By-Laws can be adopted by this Society to meet any wants which have not herein been provided for.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

What has been done for this Cause by the Church since 1863, up to the present date.

Through the kindness of the Rud. F. Kelker, Esq., Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions, we are enabled to present an exhibit of what has been contributed by the Church, during each year, since the year 1863. It will certainly prove to be of interest to all concerned in this worthy cause.

From	Oct. 27, 1863,	to	Oct.	18, 1864	$2,539.69
"	" 18, 1864,	"	"	13, 1865	5,349.07
"	" 13, 1865,	"	Nov.	24, 1866	789.28
"	Nov. 24, 1866,	"	Oct.	10, 1867	476.83
"	Oct. 10, 1867,	"	"	16, 1868	348.55
"	" 16, 1868,	"	"	2, 1869	105.41
"	" 2, 1869,	"	Nov.	19, 1870	77.22
"	Nov. 19, 1870,	"	"	6, 1871	132.57
"	" 6, 1871,	"	"	16, 1872	282.07
"	" 16, 1872,	"	"	1, 1873	330 96
"	" 1, 1873,	"	"	1, 1874	302.64
"	" 1, 1874,	"	"	1, 1875	55.27
"	" 1, 1875,	"	"	1, 1876	167.89
"	" 1, 1876,	"	"	1, 1877	170.67
"	" 1, 1877,	"	July	10, 1878	52.49
"	July 10, 1878,	"	"	1, 1879	918.10
"	" 1, 1879,	"	"	1, 1880	2,384.05
"	" 1, 1880,	"	"	1, 1881	6,315.33
"	" 1, 1881,	"	"	1, 1882	3,561.32

To be added to the above sums, there have been received three legacies, viz.:

In	1869	$ 133.30
"	1871	1,000.00
"	1880	1,650.74—$2,784.04

In these amounts there is not included the interest received upon amounts in the hands of the Treasurer. For several years the interest on the funds, remaining in the Treasurer's hand, at the time the General Synod ceased to co-operate with the American Board, was forwarded to the German Evangelical Foreign Missionary Society in New York. The last remittance to the American Board was made October 10th, 1865.

It may be well to state here, that the comparatively large amount of $6,315.33, raised in the fiscal year of 1881, is to be accounted for by the fact that some ten thousand copies of Mission House certificates were sold, which materially assisted in paying for the Mission House in Tokio, Japan—the home of Rev. A. D. Gring—the Missionary.

The unexpected demand for means to rebuild the Orphans Home, lately destroyed by fire, at Womelsdorf, has diverted a considerable amount from the cause of Foreign Missions, but this is only temporary. The Church having taken up the latter work in good earnest, will furnish whatever may be required. Our people need only to be enlightened on this subject by their Pastors. Missionary Societies should be organized in the congregations and Sunday Schools; monthly concerts of prayer, established by the Pastors; Missionary intelligence given to the people, the wants of the heathen statedly made known, and the Reformed Church could and would readily give ten times more than she does.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Do you get those of the Church's Publication Board for your Sunday-school? How is it—Pastor or Superintendent? Some pastors do not take much, if any, interest in the Sunday-school; leave all things pertaining to it to the Superintendent and teachers. Is this right? Is the shepherd of the flock doing his duty by the lambs? The Church, through its Board of Publication, issues just what is needed for Reformed Sunday-schools, and no superintendent or pastor is justifiable in putting any other—though they may be cheaper—into the hands of the scholars. Those not their own are the *dearest* in the end. See to this! Send for the "Guardian," "Scholar's Quarterly," "Child's Treasury," "Sunshine," and "Lesson Papers—Advanced and Primary." They are what you need. It is a shame if you send elsewhere.

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MINISTERS' SONS.

About fifty children of the four hundred missionaries that have been appointed by the American Board of Foreign Missions, are now laboring in the foreign field. The three classes in Princeton Seminary last year numbered 119. Of the 117, 31 were sons of ministers, 23 were sons of elders. Six were sons of deacons.

SENSE WANTED.

Pastors ought to be endowed with an extra sense wherewith to be able to perceive cases of sickness in their congregations. As it is now they have to find out the best way they can, by chance, from vague rumors. For they must know; and they must visit the sick at once. If they don't, it is an unpardonable sin. Yet how can they? Surely they do need an extra sense. Or perhaps it would answer if the members would only use the common sense they have, and at once send word to the pastor when they wish his attendance at the sick bed! One of the two is needed badly.

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ALMS.

I AM an humble pensioner
Myself for daily bread;
Shall I forget my brother
Who seems in greater need?

I know not how it happened
That I had more than they,
Unless God meant that I should give
A part of it away.

The poorest highway beggar
And I have needs the same,
Close, side by side, we waited
While God called out the name.

So, brother, it but happened
The name he called was mine,
The food was given for us both,
Here, half of it is thine.

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BOOKS.

A good brother, once speaking upon buying books, said: "I must stint my table or my back, to supply my library." But what does "stint" the table mean, among pastors? It means taking part of the necessaries of life from wife and children!

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Synod of U. S.	9	212	438	69,183	39,918	5,372	285	3,588	1,128	53,902	527	45	345	2464	514	40,852	39	$35,859	$238,686
Synod of Ohio	11	152	302	21,673	10,323	1,099	340	1,162	724	18,003	306	38	374	414	235	17,725	19	18,816	114,056
Synod of N. W.	11	158	250	24,196	16,996	1,851	22	1,237	828	18,122	289	16	399	641	205	14,028	33	12,109	90,183
Synod of Pittsburg	5	57	125	11,594	8,541	869	66	632	410	9,912	221	.....	138	301	103	7,770	13	7,249	58,271
Synod of Potomac	9	131	271	27,837	18,259	1,808	172	1,228	574	23,132	352	.....	122	769	235	17,641	23	15,238	105,261
German Synod of East	5	41	40	9,186	5,695	1,712	7	612	391	7,471	60	4	171	391	42	6,674	...	3,665	59,990
Total:—Synods 6	50	751	1426	163,669	99,732	12,711	892	8,459	4,055	130,542	1755	103	1549	4980	1334	103,690	127	$92,936	$666,442

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NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENTS.
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster, Pa.	T. G. Apple, D. D.
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Catawba College	Newton, N. C.	Rev. J. C. Clapp, A. M.
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"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man." Lev. 19: 32.

All of the following Ministers are still living, and have been ordained over fifty years:

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WHERE TO SEND CHURCH MONEY.

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COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

Being a Triennial Exhibit for the last Eighteen Years.

	1863	1866	1869	1872	1875	1878	1881
Synods,	2	2	3	4	6	6	6
Classes,	26	29	31	35	44	45	48
Ministers,	447	485	526	586	631	710	762
Congregations,	1,099	1,144	1,179	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,403
Members,	98,775	109,925	117,910	130,299	142,872	147,788	161,002
Members Unconfirmed,	56,301	69,765	68,362	73,288	87,120	90,993	96,147
Baptisms, given year,	11,739	11,175	12,776	12,487	13,500	13,203	14,309
Baptisms, in 3 years,	35,446	33,638	36,117	38,605	41,272	40,943	43,750
Confirmed, given year,	5,552	6,845	7,068	7,462	8,766	8,456	9,113
Confirmed, in 3 years,	17,616	16,756	20,183	23,247	25,233	26,733	28,240
Certificate, given year,	1,360	2,421	3,592	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,113
Certificate, in 3 years,	4,406	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263
Communed,	87,871	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709
Dismissed, given year,	552	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249
Dismissed, in 3 years,	1,674	2,975	4,459	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791
Excommunicated or Erased, given year,	119	196	144	318	387	174	1,626
Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	428	500	528	722	920	1,711	4,436
Deaths, given year,	4,679	4,207	3,773	4,425	4,494	4,887	4,591
Deaths, in 3 years,	12,725	13,486	11,186	12,594	12,000	14,102	14,492
Sunday-Schools,	894	939	1,020	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,346
Sunday-School Scholars,	22,404	34,000	49,000	63,038	75,868	89,982	103,511
Students for Ministry,	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	75	123	157	141
Beneficial Contributions, given year,	$29,528	$60,977	$74,453	$86,650	$79,680	$ 61,727	73,400
Beneficial Contributions, in 3 years,	100,000	202,718	228,818	247,387	253,766	207,417	194,869
Congregational Purposes, given year,	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	310,000	531,929	630,189
Congregational Purposes, in 3 years,	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	700,000	1,305,905	1,738,213

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O. A. S. Hursh, (*Lic.*)	—— 1881		Tiffin, Ohio	Sept. 11, 1881	35	8	7
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William Gilpin	——	—— 1868	Broken Sword, O	Jan. 14, 1882			
J. M. Lefevre	—— 1855	—— 1856	St. Paris, Ohio	April 2, 1882	48	7	14
W. F. Colliflower	—— 1836	—— 1836	Frederick, Md	April 30, 1882	68	2	16
Henry K. Zink	—— 1861	—— 1861	Phillipsburg, O	May 2, 1882	64	10	17
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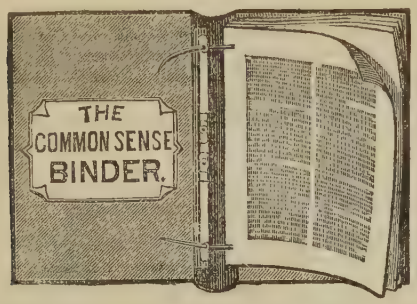

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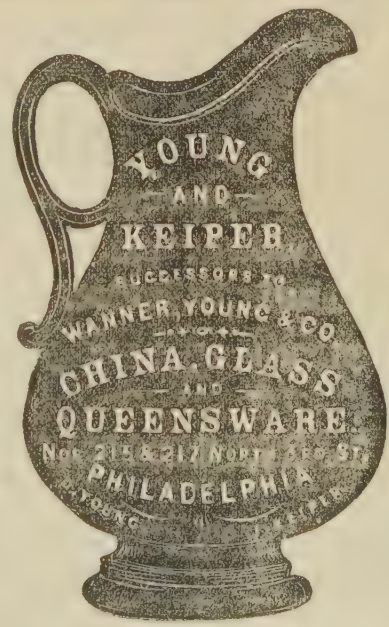

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